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Despite the present apparent lull in Japan's southward programme, the appointment of Admiral Nomura as Ambassador to Washington and several semi-conciliatory remarks from the Japanese Foreign Minister quarters here is that Japan is merely awaiting a more opportune time to push southward and in the meantime, is making efforts to avert provocations which might prompt the United States to intensify its

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SYRIA UNEASY

Sympathy For de Gaulle

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—While Italian Bersaglieri troops are policing the Palestine-Syrian frontier, the steady extension of the Free French Movement and the increased feeling against the Vichy Government are evident throughout Syria.

General de Gaulle's appeal for co-operation is reported to be finding wide-spread sympathy despite severe censorship, but it is understood that lack of strong leadership within Syria to marshal this anti-Vichy feeling is seriously felt.

The arrest of Free French sympathisers continues and supporters of the movement are being replaced by Vichy supporters.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
2	40	Junction of Kowloon City Road & Chung Lung Street, Kau Pui Shek	as per sale plan.	About 1170	\$172	\$2,000

Sir Thomas Southern's Gambia Fund Swells

LONDON, Dec. 11 (British Wireless).—The Minister of Aircraft Production has written to the Governor of the Gold Coast thanking him for the action of the "generous people of the Gold Coast in subscribing £50,000 to the Spitfire Fund."

The Madras Governor's War Fund has been increased by £15,000 to £40,000.

Gambia has given a further £500 as a further contribution to the Colony's Spitfire Fund.

Sir Thomas Southern, former Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, is the Governor of Gambia.

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BULGARS ON SPOT

Reds To Oppose Nazi Wishes

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—If Bulgaria grants free passage to German troops going to Greece, the Soviet Union would occupy the Bulgarian airports of Surgas and Varna, the Secretary-General of the Soviet Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, M. Soboleff, told King Boris during a recent visit to Sofia, writes the "Lancet" Correspondent of the "Free French" agency.

King Boris confirmed to M. Soboleff that Hitler had asked Bulgaria to adhere to the Tripartite pact, but the King had avoided a direct reply, asking Bulgarian adhesion dependent on the adhesion of the Soviet Union.

German propaganda, says the correspondent, was immediately distributed in numerous pamphlets, the aim of which was to compromise the Soviet Union.

The Bulgarian Police established that the pamphlets originated from the propaganda section of the German Government.



Attention To British Prisoners' Comfort

LONDON, Dec. 11 (British Wireless).—Answering questions in the House of Commons regarding the dispatch of parcels to British prisoners of war via Lisbon, the Under Secretary of War, Sir Edward Grigg, said that a representative of the British Red Cross Society was now in Lisbon.

LETTERS

Wanted—A. F. S. Volunteers

To the Editor:—The "Hongkong Telegraph." Sir,—May I, through the medium of your valuable paper, call for volunteers to serve as telephoneists in the Auxiliary Fire Service. A further twenty-four operators are required. Men or women are equally suitable. Applicants must have a knowledge of the Chinese and English languages. Previous experience as a telephone operator is desirable, but not essential, as recruits will be given a course of instruction.

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K. W.

Japan's Drive South Gains Momentum

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their feverish defence preparations in the Pacific.

Informed quarters and military sources here report that, having been in Japan's very extensive military and naval preparations for the southward push.

Spratley Islands

Beside record concentrations of transports at Hainan, Japanese activity has also been reported as far south as the Spratley Islands besides much landing of artillery and other important materials at Hainan.

The Japanese forces pushing south from China apparently include additional forces from Hankow from which all foreign exit permits have been suspended for weeks, apparently due to the movement of troops on the Yangtze.

Implications Drawn

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Dec. 12 (UP).—The "Asahi Shimbun" characterised the American licensing of iron ores exports and the new British loan to Chungking as a "deliberate Anglo-American joint oppression against Japan."

It said that both countries should be aware that their actions are made for the purpose of impeding the restoration of peace in China and will be resented by Japan.

FADING ITALIAN RESISTANCE

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repulsed, with heavy losses, the Italian counter-attack on Mokra heights into which the Italians had thrown their reserve crack troops.

A War Ministry communique stated: "The advance continues in various directions on the front despite the violent reaction of the enemy. Prisoners and much booty fell into our hands."

The Ministry of Public Security said: "All is quiet in the interior of Greece."

MORE U.S. LOANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The United States is lending \$60 million and \$7.5 million to Argentina and Uruguay respectively, announced Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, to-day.

WU TEH-CHEN NOTES HARMONY IN BRITISH MALAYA

IPOH, BRITISH MALAYA, Dec. 11 (Central News).—Speaking at the Rotary Club in Ipoh to-day, General Wu Teh-chun, China's goodwill envoy to the South Seas Islands and Minister of Overseas Affairs, praised Sino-British co-operation in Malaya.

He said, "The harmony and co-operation between the Chinese, British, Malaysians and others speaks for the future of Sino-British relations. The announcements of a envoy,

He had reported that on November 3 none of that Organisation's parcels were in Lisbon although 30,000 parcels were due to arrive in December.

The parcels were not unduly delayed in Lisbon, the average time being five days. The main delays were occurring between the Portuguese-Spanish frontiers and Germany. Urgent measures were being taken to the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva to overcome these delays. Parcels were now arriving in considerable numbers and it was hoped to obtain considerable acceleration in the near future.

British Will Win Decisively By 1942

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stubbornly repulsed a Greek attempt to enter Gramis.

Desperate Defence

"REUTERS' CORRESPONDENT ON YUGO-SLAV-ALBANIAN FRONTIER" LONDON, Dec. 11.—Violent fighting continued to-day in the Tevel sector where the Italians, who have been reinforced, are making desperate efforts to prevent the Greeks from descending into the river valley. In the Skumbi valley which leads to El Bassan, the Greeks have advanced to positions in front of Vrapka.

Desperate Italian counter-attacks to hold up Greek progress have failed.

North of Pogradetz, where fierce fighting is in progress, the Greeks are to the submarines," Lord Lothian declared.

"We will have now 30,000 ton battleships, the Tirpitz and Bismarck and other vessels in the North Sea early next year to try and deal a knockout blow to our communications."

He added that the British navy is "strung out terribly thin."

Grim Task

LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—Captain Hudson, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at the Empire Club to-day said: "The situation to-day is just as grim as when Lloyd George began his intensified food production campaign in 1917. The Navy's task now is doubly or trebly more difficult."

Shipping Losses

LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—In the House of Lords to-day, replying to Lord Strathclyde who had drawn attention to the recent heavy shipping losses, Lord Templemore suggested that the continuous K.A.F. bombing of German U-boat bases had saved the convoys from possible destruction.

Admitting that the shipping losses since the downfall of France were most serious, Lord Templemore added: "We are confident that as our material resources increase, there is no doubt that the Royal Navy and air force are able to counter and effectively defeat the serious menace to our sea-borne trade."

He emphasized that the seriousness of shipping losses should not be exaggerated and deplored the loose comparisons at the present time with those early in 1917 without reference to the actual figures.

He said: "In only one month during the last six months has the monthly total of losses exceeded the average figure over the whole twelve months of 1917. The figure for November shows a decided drop over the previous three months and is over 100,000 tons lower than the figure for October."

Last Night's Air Raids On England

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in the North Sea and in escorting naval convoys.

A number of units of the Free French navy have been mentioned in despatches by General de Gaulle.

Nuisance Raiders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—A few nuisance raiders flew over London to-day but the main raids were directed at a town in the west Midlands where waves of German planes came over every two or three minutes, first dropping incendiary bombs and then high explosives. A wide area was bombed and hits were scored on a bus, a church, a school and several houses.

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1.12 Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 The Western Brothers in Variety.

2.15 Closing down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).

7.42 Alfred Cortot at the Piano.

7.45 London Relay—The News.

7.55 Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

7.58 Studio—An appeal on behalf of the Hongkong Benevolent Society by His Honour, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

7.59 Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

8. Local Time Signal Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Light Orchestral Concert with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

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8.45 Studio—Local Newsletter.

9. London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 Brahms—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2. Lerner String Quartet.

10. Schubert—The Shepherd on the Rock sung by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

10.10 Schubert—Symphony No. 9 in C Major, London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

11. Closing down.

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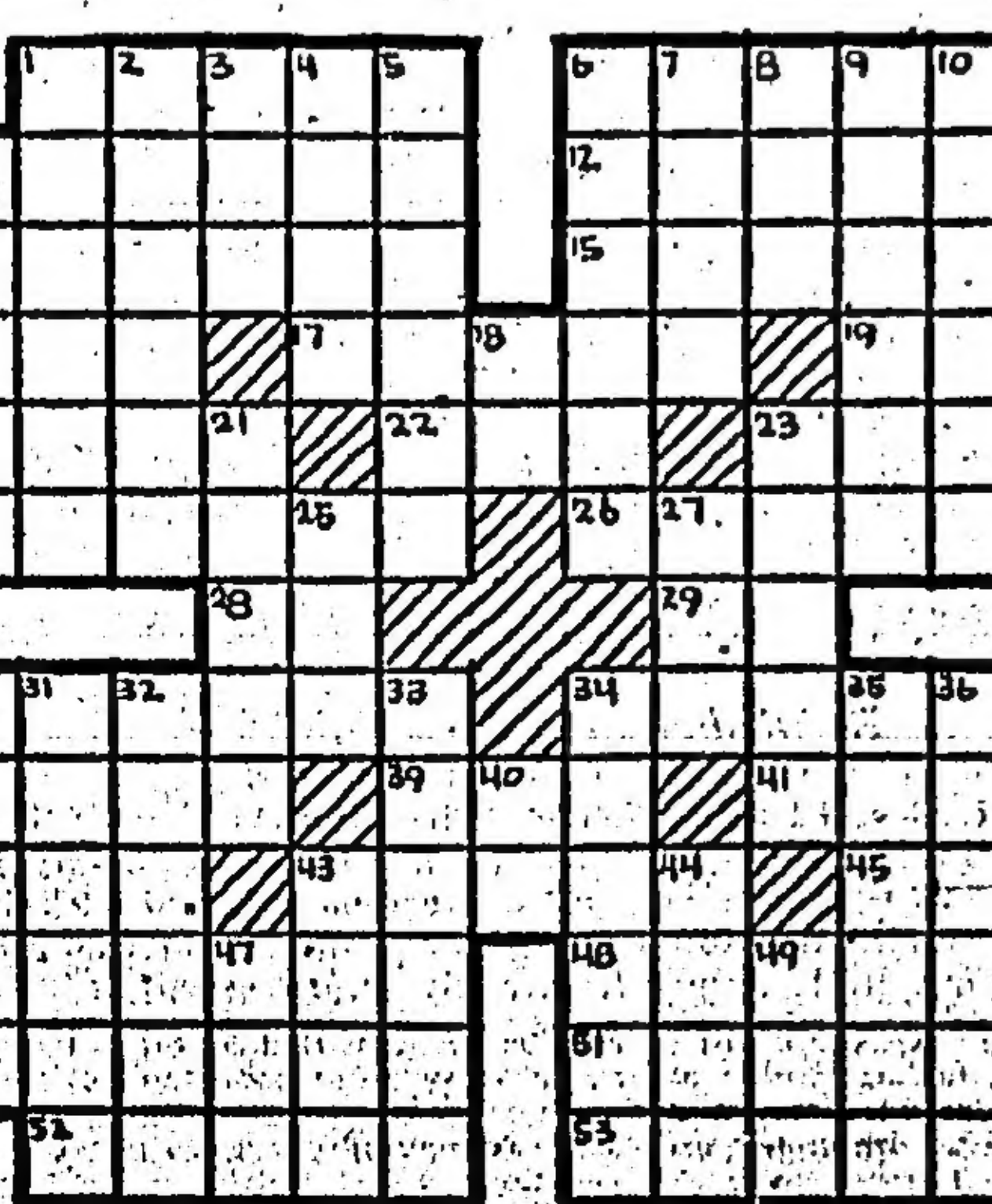
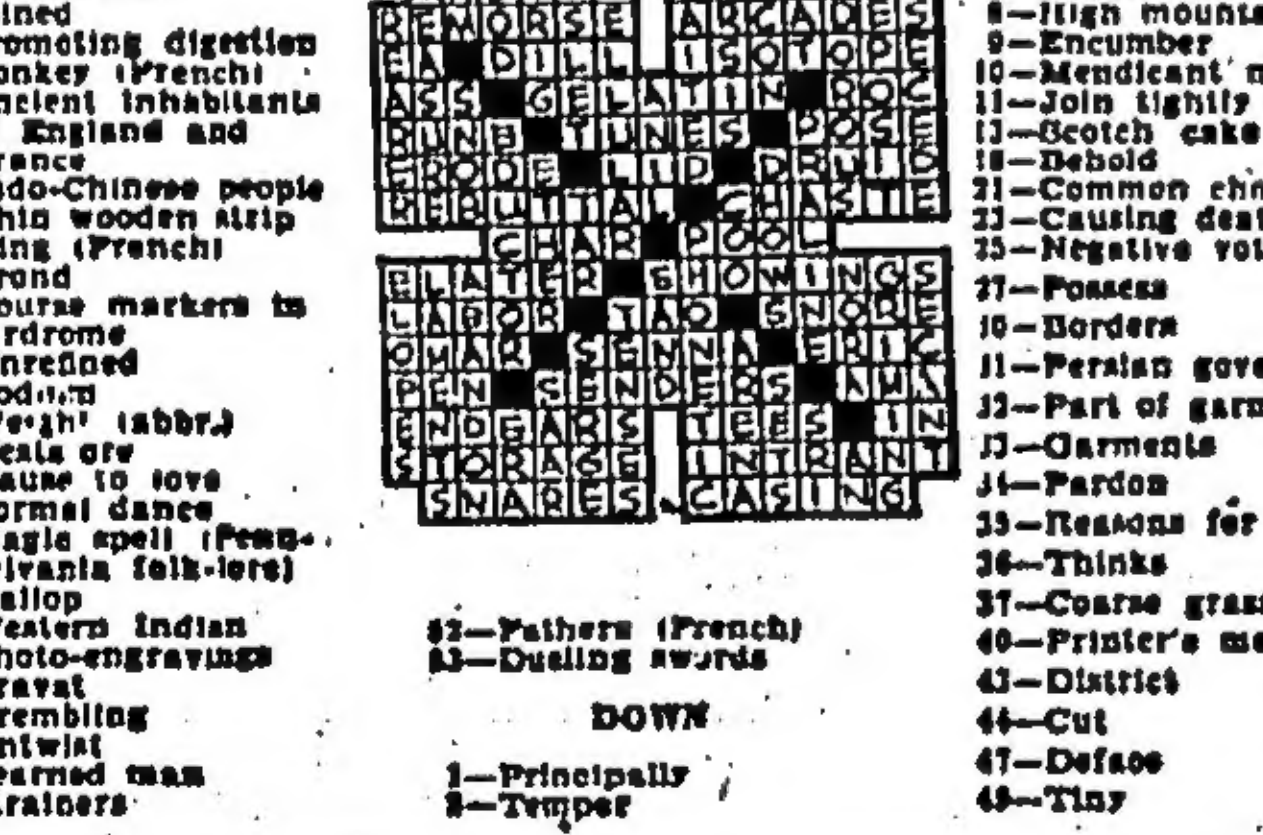
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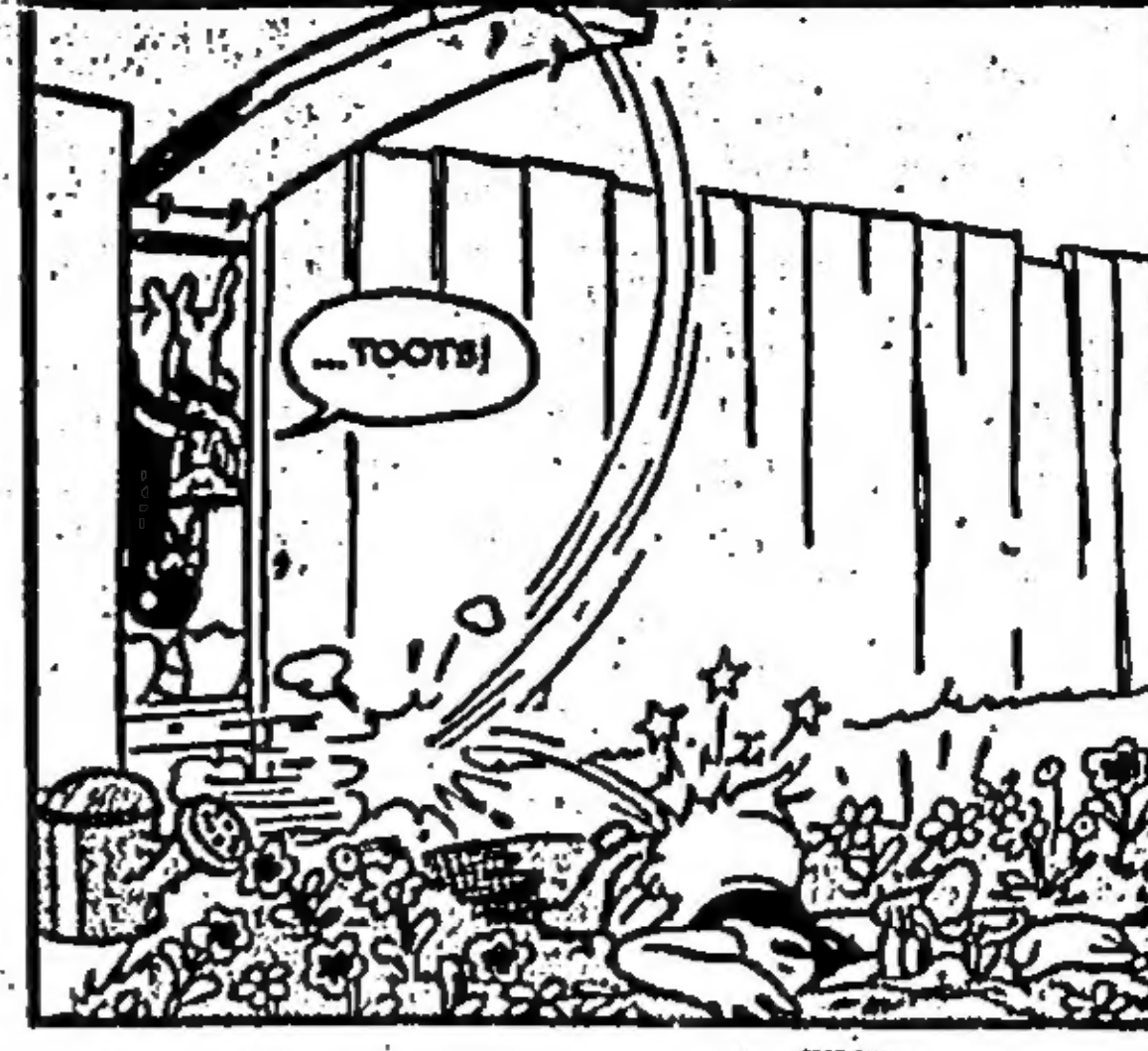
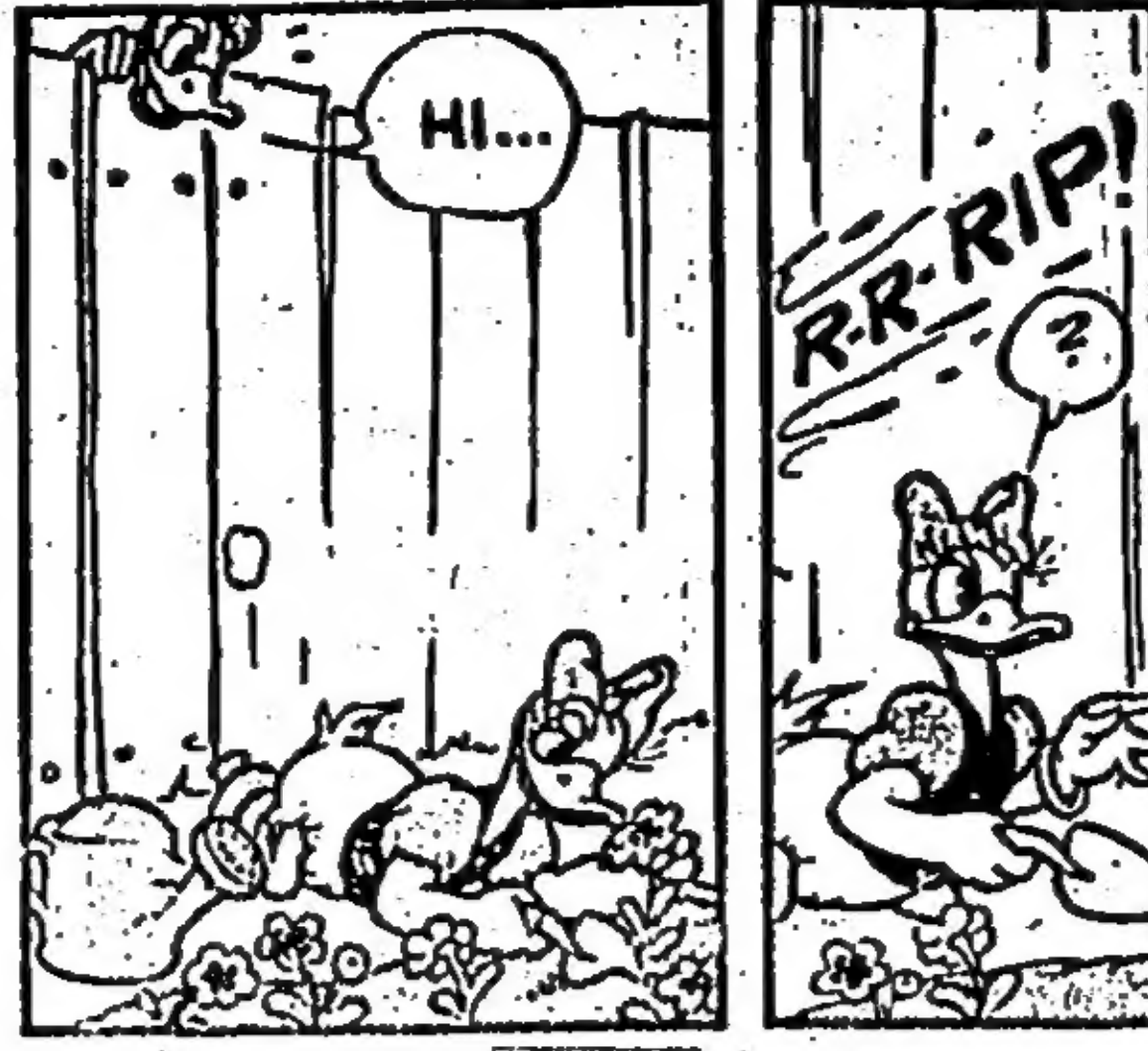
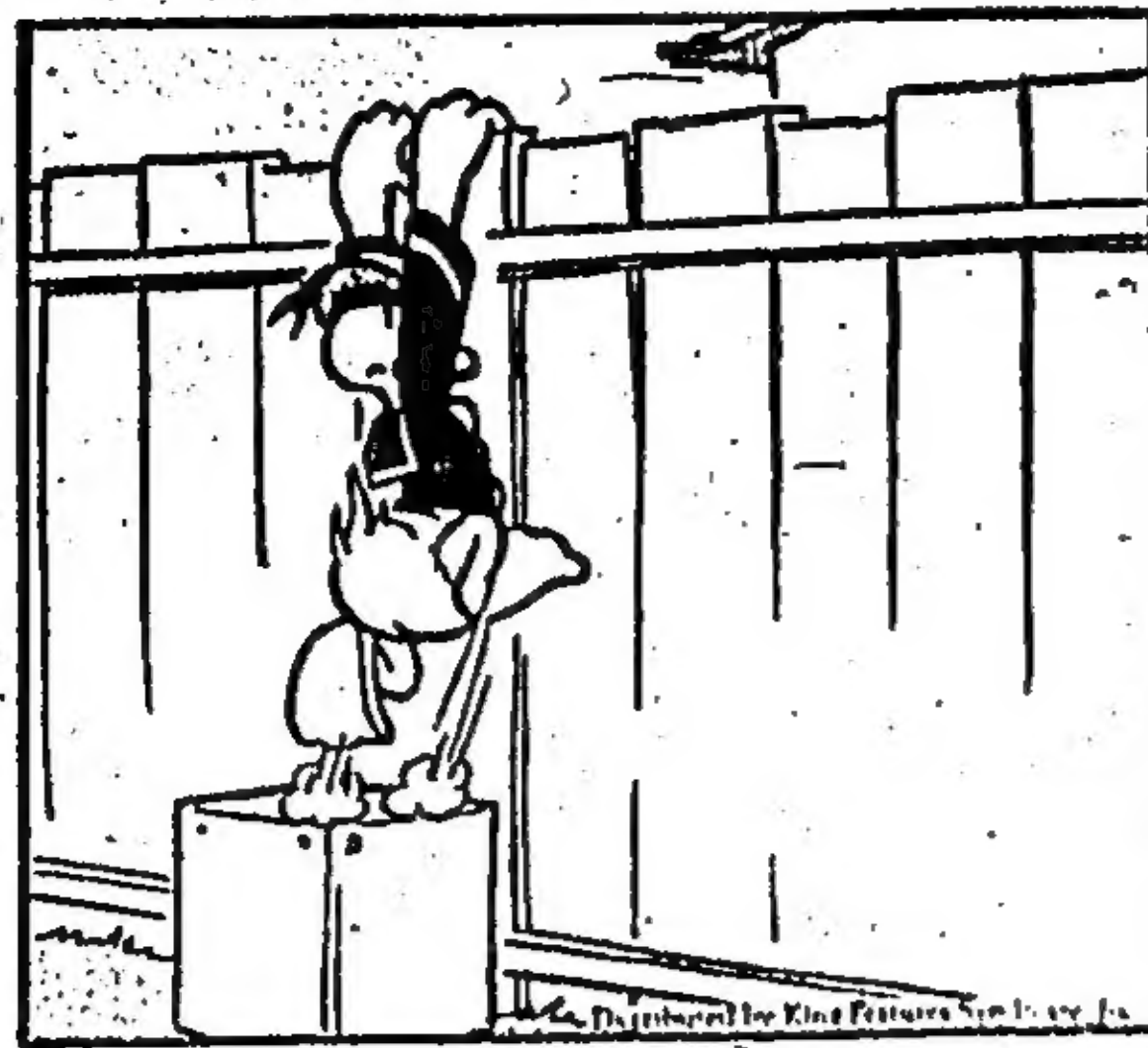
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Chapter Four

AN OFFER OF MARRIAGE

Darcy pursued his purpose so cleverly, that within short order, Charles Bingley closed up Netherfield Park and departed from Meryton to London without farewell.

Elizabeth tried to console her crushed and stunned sister, "Jane!" she cried. "I'm sure Caroline and Darcy are at the bottom of this. Since they won't let Charles stay here, you shall go to him in London. You'll visit our Aunt Gardiner."

Elizabeth quickly formulated her plan. Aunt Gardiner was a lady of position and wealth. The Bingleys could not help but encounter Jane at her Aunt's home. Seeing Jane in this atmosphere would completely re-awaken Charles' ardour.

Elizabeth accompanied Jane to London, and having seen her safely to their Aunt's, set out to pay a long deferred visit to her dear friend Charlotte, who had, in the interim, married Mr. Bennet's cousin, Mr. Collins.

Rather than face spinsterhood, Charlotte had wedded Collins. But never was a man more insufferable or less suited to an intelligent, charming and spirited wife. His favouring obsequiousness to his patroness, Lady de Brough, his pompous attentiveness in his own home, his staggering stupidity made him odious to Elizabeth, even if he was her own cousin.

Elizabeth determined anew that she'd die a spinster before she'd marry any man but a man she loved. In her heart, she knew that man was Darcy. If only his arrogant pride had not evoked her unbridled prejudice against him!

Her opinion of Darcy prepared her for Lady de Brough, who was his aunt. Her Ladyship, with infuriating condescension, doled out a dinner invitation to Collins and Charlotte and their guest, Elizabeth, aptly concluding that rudeness and snobbery were a family trait, welcomed the opportunity to cross verbal swords with Lady de Brough and thus, in a manner, settle the score with Darcy.

The opportunity was completely deprived her.

Elizabeth entered the de Brough home to find Darcy among the guests. "Mr. Darcy!" Her voice trembled with surprise and pleasure, despite herself.

He bowed and kissed her hand. "A happy meeting, Miss Elizabeth," he greeted gently.

await Elizabeth's return from a walk. If the meeting was unexpected, it left Elizabeth unmoved. A heavy silence fell upon them as he stood before her, trying to find the words which would penetrate her hostility. He threw pre-emptive to the winds.

"Elizabeth!" he cried suddenly. "These weeks since I left Netherfield have been arid. Meaningless days and nights. I thought I could put you out of my mind. But it's no use. I can struggle against you no longer. I can only remember that I love you. I love you."

"Mr. Darcy!" She stared at him in consternation. "Do you know what you are saying?"

"Yes, my darling," he answered joyously. "I'm asking you to marry me."

She rose from her chair in anger. "Do you think anything

His burning eyes betrayed that he was as much moved as she by this unexpected encounter. He collected himself sufficiently to present his cousin, Colonel Fitzwilliam.

"Well, Darcy," smiled the latter. "Now I know what kept you in Meryton all summer."

The picture of Darcy's rudeness and snobbery during his stay at Meryton, flashed through Elizabeth's mind. "You also know what drove him out again," she said coolly. "He liked the landscape well enough, but the natives! What bores and savages. Utterly insupportable! Isn't that so, Mr. Darcy?"

"If you think so," he answered slowly.

Her ironic smile faded and her glance fell before the quiet unhappiness in his eyes.

The next day, Fitzwilliam called upon Elizabeth. Their conversation returned time and again to Darcy. Despite herself, she voiced her scorn for his pride and self-interest.

"You're unfair to Darcy," Fitzwilliam protested. "He is really a man of warm impulses and deeply loyal and affectionate to his friends."

Elizabeth smiled wryly. It needed every effort for her to forget the charming Darcy she had encountered the night before and to remember the man she knew too well — the Darcy who judged her by her mother and sisters — the Darcy who snubbed Mr. Wickham, Lydia's friend, because Wickham was the son of a steward, and as such was beneath Darcy's courtesy.

"I can prove how loyal he is to his friends," Fitzwilliam continued. "Permit me to tell you of a young man whom Darcy recently saved from making a very serious matrimonial mistake."

In all innocence, Fitzwilliam told of Darcy's friendship for Bingley as expressed by his success in separating Charles from Jane — "a girl," he concluded, "whose family was common, vulgar and without breeding."

Elizabeth heard him through. She somehow managed to dismiss him without revealing the fact that the girl in question was her own sister. The story was for her the last proof she needed against Darcy.

could induce me to accept the man who has deliberately destroyed my sister's happiness? The sweetest soul who ever lived!" Her voice broke, and she struggled to control her tears. "How could you hurt her so?"

"I did contrive to separate Charles Bingley from your sister," he admitted with quiet dignity. "I believe I did right. I think you exaggerate the intensity of your sister's feelings."

"I tell you she loved him!" Elizabeth cried. "And I take your word for it," he answered slowly. "But I ask you to take my word that I honestly thought her indifferent."

"That was not your reason for separating them," she accused. "You have other reasons, Mr. Darcy. We're not well off; we have an uncle in trade; and an aunt who is married to a country attorney. That's why you didn't want Mr. Bingley to marry Jane."

"Toward him, it would seem, I have been kinder than toward myself," he replied, his own anger rising. "Am I supposed to be glad that your family is inferior to mine? Do you expect me to rejoice over the lack of propriety that your younger sisters have shown?"

"Mr. Darcy!" she cried warningly, but he rushed on:

"I make no apologies for what I have said, Elizabeth. It's the truth. If I had wanted to flatter you I should have pretended that no doubts ever crossed my mind. But I esteem you too highly for flattery. I have told you frankly the obstacles I have had to overcome."

"And now," he interrupted furiously, "I suppose nothing remains but for me to congratulate you on winning the battle between your inclinations and my own unworthiness! It seems a pity you couldn't have shown some of the same spirit in your treatment of poor Mr. Wickham."

At the mention of Wickham's name, Darcy paled. "Where Wickham is concerned, I choose to remain silent," he answered. "In other words — you don't dare to speak!"

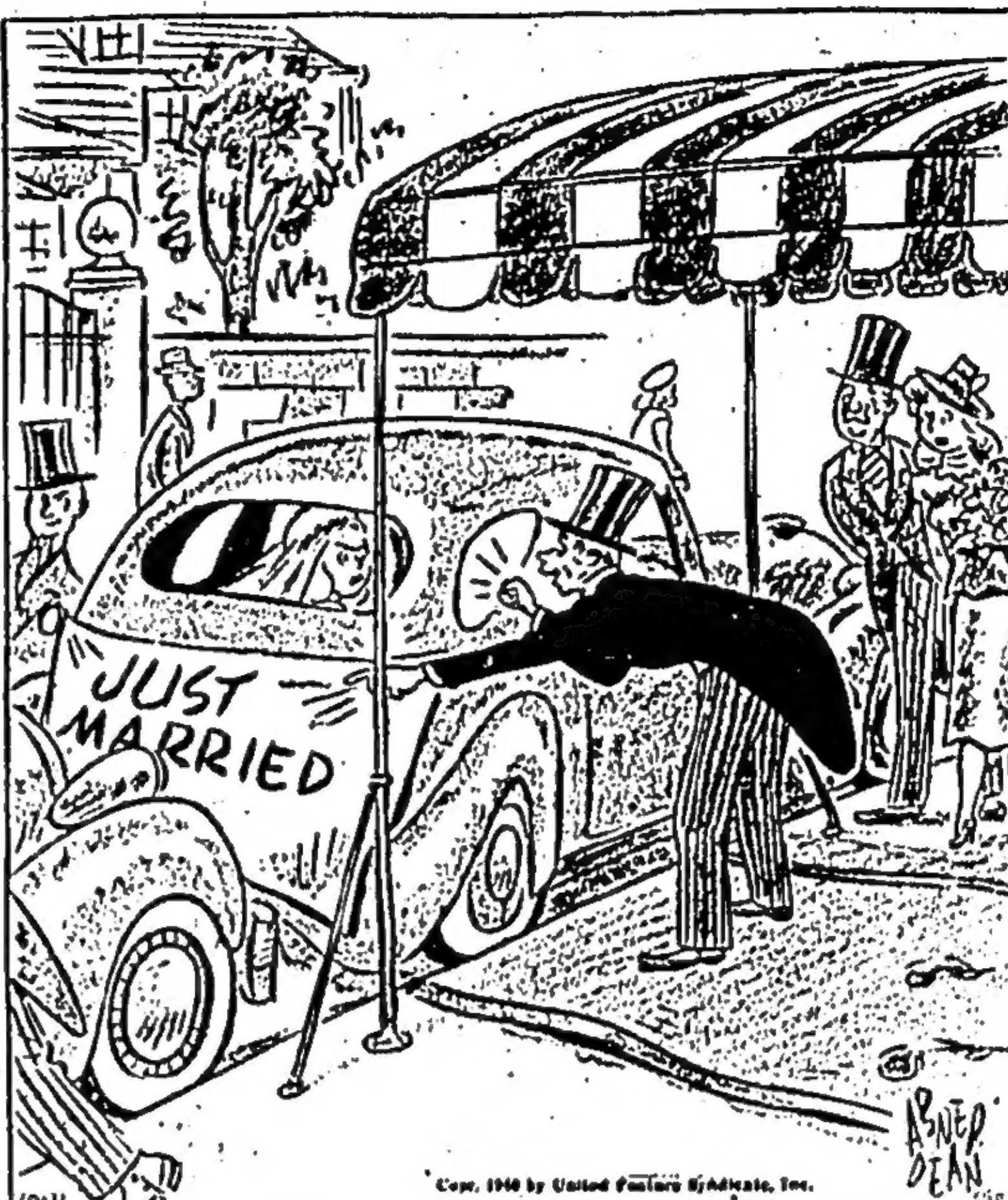
He started at her incredulously. "You are ready to take Wickham's word against mine? That's your opinion of me?"

"Let us end this distasteful subject," she retorted, your selfish disregard of other people's feelings have made me dislike you from the first. I hadn't known you a week before I felt you were the last man in the world I could ever be prevailed upon to marry."

Darcy drew back. "You have said quite enough, Madam," he replied coldly. "I understand your feelings and have now only to be assured of what my own have been." With a curt bow, he left her. Elizabeth watched him go, her

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"I'll see you later, dear! I'm going back and ride with some of the boys!"

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

First of an occasional series of short extracts from the diary of a journalist who recently joined a Guards regiment.

THEY dress a soldier in webbing so that they can hang packs on him, with the weight evenly distributed. I have about fourteen pieces of webbing, with brass fittings.

It looks easy. You just buckle the pieces together, slip it on, hook yourself up, and march away.

Yet I was struggling like a hand-cuff king, blue in the face, drenched in perspiration, grinning with rage.

After forty-five minutes I got it assembled the wrong way round, and then when I picked it up it fell apart.

Somebody said: "What's the trouble? Haven't you seen it done?" I replied: "Seen it done? Yes. And I've seen Jasper Maskelyne sawing a lady in halves. The point is, how?"

"Look." He was an old soldier, relatively speaking: 30 years old and strong as a buffalo.

Learning His Trade

Ten years in the Army had brought out peculiar, unheard-of muscles on his arms, which were heavily tattooed with snakes, lions, anchors, hearts, crosses, and an inscription: "Joe loves Jane."

"How long have you been here?" he asked.

"Three days."

"Well, you'll get into it."

"Do you like it in the Army?"

He nodded. "Been in it years and years, son. How'd you think you'd like it?"

I said: "I don't know. There seems to be so much to do."

"Too much to do? Why, it's nothing—nothing at all. What is there to do? Maybe you'll get a few fatigues—a bit of scrubbing or spud-peeling. That's extra. But apart from that it's simple."

"You get up at six, and make up your bed, and wash and shave, and sweep your floor, and clean up your utensils, and tidy the place."

"Then you have breakfast, and sweep the floor again and go on parade."

"Well, there's only three hours of parades before dinner, and after half-past one."

"Then there's only two more hours of parades till four o'clock, usually."

whole being shaken with rage at his pride, and the hurt of the love she had denied.

Will Darcy's pride permit him to see Elizabeth again? Will she be swayed by her own love for him? Read to-morrow's chapter.

Boots And Brass

"At four you go on shining parade. Those boots have got to shine till you can see your face in 'em, and so must every bit of brass. It really needs a month or so of work before you get your boots really bright. After that it's child's play."

"Your brasses have got to be done every night. Otherwise, God help you."

"And your webbing's got to be dug out so that you could eat your dinner off it."

"And that reminds me—after dinner you make your bed down. Your trousers have to be creased so you can cut your finger on 'em. So you put 'em under the mattress at night."

"I daresay you find the bed hard. It isn't really; it's made of soft wood, and being on trestles it's springy—not like a floor. More comfortable than feathers."

"You scrub your bed-boards white as snow every week, don't forget, and the flat ought to be scrubbed out every Saturday—and the windows cleaned, and everything made tidy."

"Then you want to see everything's nicely pressed and washed for your kit inspections, and don't let anybody see you going about dusty, or with dirty hands."

"Much to do? Why you get it all over and done with by eight or nine o'clock. That gives you till 9.30 to play about, or read books, or write letters."

Getting It Right

"And Sunday's free all day. You'll get leave in time, but don't worry about that. You get used to it; and, anyway, leave doesn't last for ever. You soon get back."

"Well," I said, "thanks, pal."

"Another thing," he said, rising. "You address a corporal as 'Corporal,' and a sergeant as 'Sergeant.'"

"I hear the N.C.O.s are pretty tough around here," I said. "Not if you behave yourself."

"I suppose you'll get to be an N.C.O. one of these days, George." He looked at me. His eyebrows came down, and out of his throat came a voice that shook the hut.

"I," he said, "am your Superintendent Sergeant, and when you address me don't stand there like a weak-kneed lamb, you stay, you, but take that cigarette out of your mouth and wipe that grin off your face and stand to attention!"

"Yes, Sergeant," I said.

"That's right," he nodded, and walked out of the hut.

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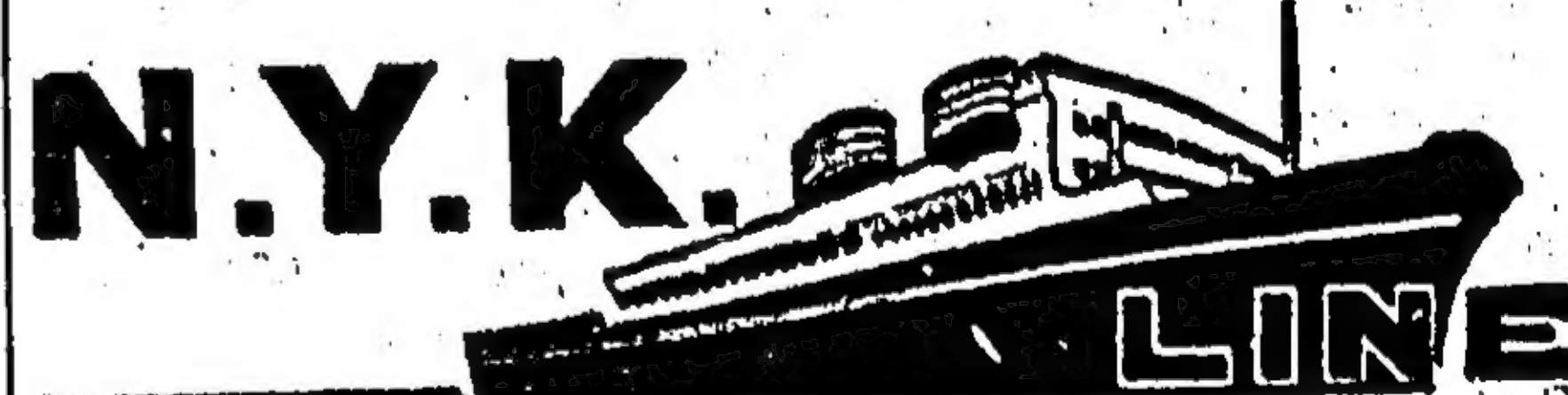
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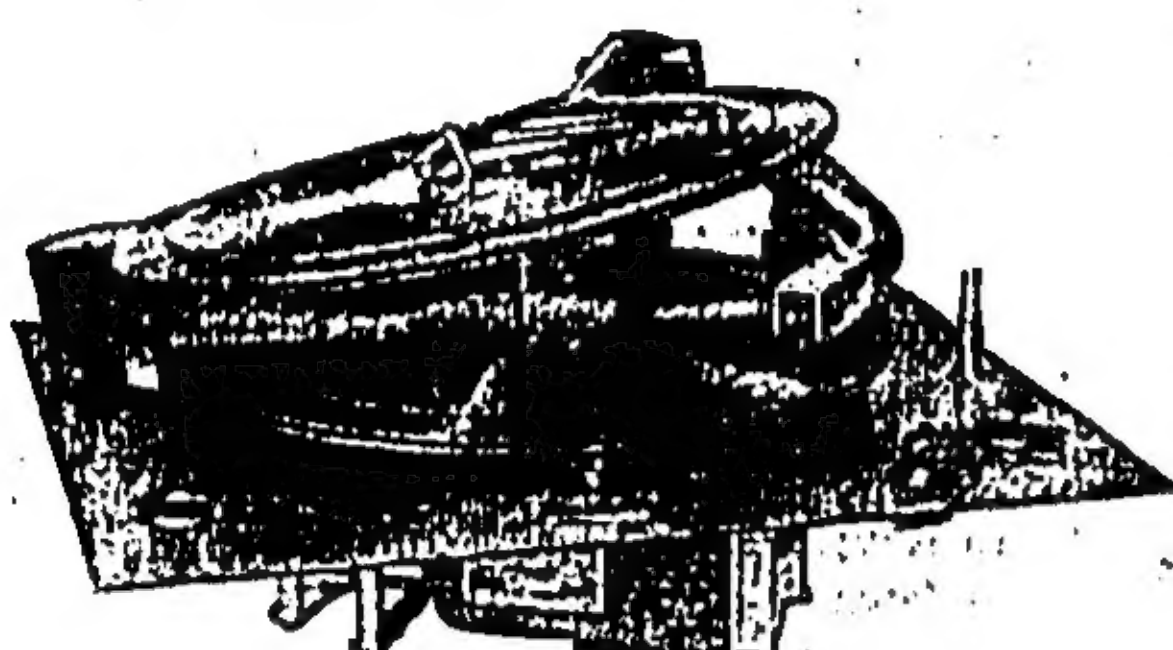
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ON HER METTLE

THE speeches of President Roosevelt are in these days not less an inspiration than those of the British Prime Minister, and again like Mr. Churchill's, a source of discontent and confusion to the enemy. When Germany, Italy, and Japan, in despicable cabal, concluded their latest pact, no one in this country had any doubt what the response of the American Government and people would be to that challenge.

The United States will not be deflected from its companion purposes of sending all possible help to Great Britain and defending the Americas, and their rights in the Atlantic and the Pacific, against all aggression. If anything were needed further to strengthen American resolve, it is provided in the triple Axis Powers' attempt at intimidation.

The British people, resolute and confident, will find cause for special pride in the President's recent references to the successful struggle which this democracy is making against the tyrants who seek to lay West and East alike under fee. The resources of the British Commonwealth are vast. Added to those of the United States, they will in course of time be overwhelming. For America the die is cast. She may continue to sleep short of actual war—though many of her people think that such abstention cannot be prolonged indefinitely; the tide of events is moving fast and strong. But, whether American policy be belligerency or non-belligerency, there can be no doubt, that the country's war potential will be increasingly at the service of the British peoples and their Allies; for the battle they fight is America's battle as well.

The most case-hardened isolationist has now fully awakened to the reality of the menace which stretches, or would stretch, westward across the Atlantic. However subtle may be totalitarian manoeuvres and propaganda, Washington will not be deceived. No promise from Axis quarters is worth a moment's consideration: Mr. Roosevelt has bluntly told them that they may save themselves the trouble.

The course of current history has brought the American and British democracies closer together probably than they have ever been. Hitler may move, his insatiable tentacles eastward, but it is this message from the West that gives him food for thought and will confound his deep-laid plans.



RIBBENTROP: "I thought you said you would bring it down with your first shot?"
GOERING: "I thought YOU said it was extinct?"

What are the churches doing?

By the Rev.
W. Rowland JONES

The last war gave us "Woodbine Willie," "Dick Sheppard"—a dozen other inspired religious leaders. Who is there to-day?

HERE are our religious leaders in this war? Is there an Archbishop of Canterbury, or has he retired for the duration? What is the name of the Methodist President, and has he a voice? Certainly I know the name of the Cardinal Archbishop of the Catholic Church, for he has recently distinguished himself by being banned by the Censor in Elro. But where are the others—are there no religious leaders left?

There are 30,000 ordained clergy in the Church of England, 10,000 Methodist ministers, 10,000 Catholic priests and perhaps another 10,000 ministers of other denominations. That is almost an Army division of men who are exempt from fighting in order to LEAD us in religion. But they do not seem to be leading. They do not even seem to be justifying their privilege of complete exemption, regardless of age, from military service.

A timorous band

It was not so very long ago that Mr. Duff Cooper became seriously angry when a clergyman ventured to say something about politics—something with which Mr. Duff Cooper did not agree. But that was a long time ago, when there was courage among some of the clergy; it was even before Mr. Duff Cooper was Minister of Information.

All that has changed, and the Ministry of Information now not only tells the clergy to preach politics, but provides them with a dusty thirty-page, twenty-year-old sermon all ready to READ to their flocks.

This is a clear indication of the official regard for the clergy of our day. They are looked upon as a docile, timorous band ready to lead out to the people whatever they are told.

Our religious "leaders" ask themselves always, "Will my message find applause from the influential among my people? Will those in authority approve these words? If I speak thus boldly will it ruin my chances of preferment?"

Many a clergyman has it in his heart to denounce what his soul knows is true, but he hesitates with the words on his lips. "My congregation would not like it."

The success of organised religious denominations, so deliberately sought by the clergy, is an empty promise, for it is achieved by compromise, and is won by a denial of the very message which the Founder of the Church commanded his apostles to proclaim.

In place of leaders, therefore, we have to be content with good organisers, genial "mixers," vacuous billboard players ("the lady like it"), ardent signers of forms ("please call at the Vicarage at ten o'clock"), suitable loud-speakers for Mr. Duff Cooper's gramophone records.

But the need—that is as great as ever it was. As well as guns and aeroplanes, we must have the conviction that our victory will be that of an IDEAL, for which peoples are prepared to suffer and die.

Nazis Bully Switzerland For Food & Oil

By W. N. Ewer

Germany is starting to bully Switzerland again. The pretended grievance is that the Swiss have not shot down any R.A.F. planes that have strayed over Swiss territory on their way to and from Italy.

But the real point of it all is economic. The Germans want to plunder Switzerland, as they have plundered the occupied countries.

They hope to do it without the trouble of an invasion—by threatening the Swiss until they "stand and deliver."

During the first months of the war the Swiss Government devoted much energy to building up reserves of food, petrol and other essential commodities.

And in addition to this, every Swiss housewife has a well-stored cellar of food, the Government having told her to hoard everything possible.

There are some 60,000 tons of petrol and oil in the country. Germany covets the lot.

She is trying to negotiate a one-sided "trade agreement" which will give her all those stocks.

After all, say the German negotiators, they are no longer needed as Switzerland is no longer in danger.

The Swiss are naturally reluctant to give the Germans all that valuable material in exchange for a trickle of coal and dubious paper payments.

Britain Making Secret Weapon

From experience gained after three months of the heaviest and most sustained series of bombing attacks ever launched on a city, the guns and searchlights in the London area are being regrouped.

As their numbers have been increased, new tactics have been employed to minimise the weight of the enemy attack.

One evidence of changed methods is the great volume of light which now floods the night sky.

The new light, which is white, appears to come from the ground, and is spread along the horizon, silhouetting the outlines of buildings.

Other bright lights above appear to be parachute flares.

This battery of light is driving the enemy high to avoid detection, and the chance of becoming an illuminated target for the guns.

Anti-aircraft fire is becoming more accurate by night, assisted by the searchlights and sound location.

Greeted By Shells

There is no doubt that many of the enemy raiders are turned away from the Central London area by the barrage of bursting shells which have greeted their approach.

Many statements, some over-encouraging, have been made recently about new methods and new weapons to solve the problem of night interception.

It should be made clear that at the moment there is not an effective answer to the night raider because the guns cannot hit and the fighters cannot chase something which cannot be seen.

Finding The Answer

The whole weight of technical development at the Air Ministry is working to obtain an effective answer—that is, to be able to bring down such a proportion of raiders each night that the enemy will find the game too costly.

There is good reason to suppose that these new methods will be brought into operation in about another month.

They include improvements in guns, searchlights and balloons, a new type of fighting aircraft and technical developments whose nature must remain a secret.

HITLER BORROWS SUBMARINES FROM ITALY

Mussolini is lending submarines to Hitler to aid Germany's depleted undersea fleet in its attempt to block the British, states a message from Cairo.

Some Italian submarines have passed through the Strait of Gibraltar and are now believed to be based on French Atlantic ports.

Without doubt they have played a big part in sending an Allied ship to the bottom, and are subject to bomb attacks by the R.A.F.

Targets Are There. The Italian submarine fleet in the Mediterranean is a target for the R.A.F. and the Royal Navy.

At speculation about the loss of the Italian submarine fleet, the above information is given as a trustworthy source, to specially interested naval circles.

A story that Italy is preparing a new type of submarine, to be used in the Mediterranean, is also being spread.

It is also being spread that the Italian submarine fleet is being reinforced by new vessels.

Oil King's Son Now War Prisoner

Forty-three-year-old Fleet Air Arm pilot Lt. H. Deterding, R.N.V.R., son of the late Sir Henri Deterding, "the oil king," previously reported missing, is now prisoner of war.

When his wife received the news by telegram from the Admiralty of her home, Newnham Grange, near Daventry, Northants, she said: "I have had a very hard time since I heard he was missing."

Lt. Deterding joined up the day before the war, and prior to being appointed to a ship on September 1, 1939, served as a pilot at an observer school.

Tangier Sheltering Italian Submarines

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The British Government's watchfulness on the situation at Tangier where the Spanish authorities have taken over the administration, was again made apparent in answers to questions in the House of Commons to-day.

The Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr R. A. Butler, stated that the two Italian submarines which arrived in Tangier some weeks ago are not yet in a seaworthy state and the Spanish Government has given them a further period to complete repairs.

In the meantime, the British Ambassador has put the British case regarding Tangier in a very strong and definite light to the Spanish Government.

Dealing with a suggestion that the Spanish authorities are erecting permanent fortifications at Tangier, Mr Butler said that his information did not indicate such a development.

The British Government is watching the situation very closely and the Spanish Government has been left in no doubt as to the importance attached to the question.

MORE LOANS BY UNITED STATES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP).—It was announced to-day that the Export-Import Bank has agreed to loan \$50,000,000 to the Argentina and \$7,500,000 to Uruguay.

The Treasury Department is also prepared formally to announce tomorrow a loan of \$50,000,000 to the Argentina from the stabilization fund. Mr Jesse Jones, President of the Export-Import Bank, said that negotiations are under way for a \$50,000,000 bank loan to Cuba, and that negotiations are proceeding between the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and Chile for Chilean nitrate. He said he was considering the buying of copper from Chile, Peru and Mexico.

Duchess Of Windsor "In Good Spirits"

MIAMI, Dec. 11 (UP).—The Duchess of Windsor is in "good spirits and feeling better". However, the slight danger of complications will not be passed until next Saturday.

Japan's War Purchases

150 Different Materials

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11

(UP).—There are now over 150

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Widespread Raids On Reich

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—

The Air Ministry announced to-

day that R.A.F. bombers attack-

ed a number of "targets" in

western Germany and enemy-

occupied territory last night.

The announcement said: "The

attacks included railway junc-

tions, power stations, aero-

dromes and inland docks. The

R.A.F. also attacked docks at

the Channel invasion ports in

enemy-occupied territory. Two

R.A.F. planes are missing."

Paradox of British Exchequer Returns

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—British exchequer returns for the last week, up to December 7, reveal an apparent paradox.

The whole total ordinary expenditure rose to the record high level of £110 millions but the expenditure of supply services (largely for war necessities) was nearly £10 millions below the previous week at £80.5 millions.

The high record reached by total expenditure was, therefore, due to the fact that at the beginning of December the usual disbursements of interest on stocks amounting to a large sum were made.

The total ordinary revenue of Britain improved by over £10 millions last week to nearly £24 millions, but the deficit for the week increased to £86 millions.

Newspaper Offends

Defence Regulations

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The first prosecution of a newspaper under the Defence Regulations, resulted in the Managing Editor and the publisher of "Reynold's News" being fined £30 each and instructed to pay £10 each for costs.

The allegation was that the newspaper published matter which might have been useful to the enemy. An article concerning the defence of certain parts of the Empire was published fully in some editions of the newspaper ignoring the deletions made by the official censor.

The Magistrate, trying the case, agreed that a mistake had been made and that there was no intentional anti-British action.

China's Northwest Road Kept Busy

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Traffic over the north-western highway between China and Soviet Russia has greatly increased during recent weeks, almost doubling the amount of traffic two months ago, according to the "Ta Kung Pao" quoting China communications quarters.

South China Trounce

R. Navy 6-2

A COMBINED TEAM of senior and junior players of South China were much superior to the "Royal" Navy when they met in a friendly game of football at Causeway Bay yesterday.

South China won 6-2, four of the Chinese total being to the credit of Lee Tack-ke.

The Chinese were mostly on the offensive, and gave the Navy defence a testing time. On two of the few occasions in which the sailors broke through, Hendy and Barber scored.

South China led 3-0 at half time, and their other goal-scorers were Chee Wing-keung and Lee Din-kee.

Teams were: South China—Tan Kwan-kon; Hui Fok-yuen; Wong Shiu-kee; The Kam-hung; Lam Tak-po; Ho Lok-kee; Chan Chi-fai; Ho Lok-kee (Chee Wing-keung in 2nd half); Lee Tak-kee (in 2nd half) and Leung Ping-kun.

Navy—Robinson; Roughley; Britt; Honeywell; Croft; Hawkins; Phippen; Le Page; Hendy; Birch and Barber.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

Umpires And Off-side Positions

Judgment Affected By Angle Of Sight Keeping Up With Players

A PLAYER who is in an off-side position only becomes off-side when he breaks the rule. He may not in any way interfere with or take part in a movement, and unless he does so he should not be penalised. It is, however, within the power of the umpire to penalise him if, even though the ball is some distance away, he considers that the player by his position is affecting the tactics or positions of the defence or that he is gaining or is likely to gain, advantage by not being on-side.

He generally will gain some advantage, as for instance, when he uses his off-side position to tackle a defender who is about to stop the ball and who could otherwise make an easy clearance.

The attacker who is off-side thereby gains an unfair advantage and should be penalised. The ease with which one can judge a player off-side depends upon the position adopted in the field, and it is when the attack has got within the 25-yard area that this position is most important.

One has to be in a position to see the edge of the circle and the goal line, as a shot may be taken at any moment, and one must not be between any player and the ball so as to deprive him of a clear field of view.

No hard and fast rule for positioning can be laid down; it can only be learnt from experience, but it is suggested that one should stand level with the attacking outside-right, and between him and the touchline when the ball is in the centre or on the right wing.

Association League Table

The following is the Hongkong Hockey Association League Table:

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
5th A.A. "A"	6	5	1	17	11	10	10
R. Engineers	4	4	1	18	8	8	10
Recreio	3	3	1	10	10	10	10
Police "A"	3	3	1	11	3	3	10
Police "B"	3	2	1	7	4	4	7
Punjab	3	2	1	7	5	4	7
C.B.A.	2	2	2	7	8	4	6
5th A.A. "B"	4	2	2	9	10	4	6
Gunboats	5	2	3	8	17	4	6
Nomads	3	1	2	4	11	2	4
2nd M.T.B.	3	1	1	5	13	2	4
A.N. Other	0	1	1	5	3	20	2
University	0	1	1	5	3	20	2
Destroyers	4	1	4	0	12	2	2

Chess Prizes Presented

The Kowloon Chess Club held its annual dinner at the Peninsula Hotel last night when Rev. G. E. S. Updehl, President, presented the prizes. Club Championship (senior)—K. M. A. Barnett (winner), E. Zimmerman (runner-up). Club Championship (junior)—K. M. A. Barnett (winner), A. Kurrik, A. V. Biroukoff (runners-up). Junior—W. Lee (winner), A. Fabel (runner-up).

Recreio Cricket XI's

Recreio will hold an intra-club cricket match on Saturday when team comprising Volunteers will meet non-Volunteers at 2 p.m. Teams are: non-Volunteers—A. V. Gosano (Captain), P. M. N. da Silva, L. G. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, C. N. Gosano, A. Remedios, F. J. Remedios, A. E. Noronha, B. T. Gosano, A. P. Pereira, J. C. Fonseca. Volunteers—L. G. Gosano (Captain), H. L. Gzorio, W. A. Reed, E. L. Soares, A. M. Prata, N. A. Delira, E. L. Alves, J. A. Barros, A. A. Soares, A. A. Lopes, A. H. Remedios.

If the ball is further away towards the left, get between the outside right and the goal line for it a pass comes to the right wing he will probably move towards the circle to take it and the umpire would then be out of his way.

Particular Instance

A CASE which recently occurred, especially following a corner, is an inside forward receiving a rebound from the goalkeeper's pads. If the umpire is in the right position he can see at once whether the forward is on-side or not at the moment the shot is taken.

He will find in many cases that the forward has advanced in anticipation of a shot and has got into an off-side position.

The fact of the ball rebounding from the goalkeeper's pads does not put him on-side if he had started to go forward when he was off-side, and the umpire should penalise him before the shot has reached the goalkeeper.

A Wrong Impression

DO not allow a player to think that he cannot be penalised because he is over the touchline. Some outside forwards think they are immune from penalty if they are beyond the touchline at the moment the ball is hit up to towards them, and that they may enter the ground to meet it. The player in question is in an unfair position, so penalise him at once. This is merely an explanation of a point on which players have sometimes been in doubt when a shot is in on off-side position when a player who is in on off-side is not put on-side by the fact that the ball has rebounded from the goal post or cross bar.

As has just been said, do not follow the third defender if he goes into the other half when play is in the other half. Remain at the centre line so as to see clearly the position of attacking forwards should a clearance reach them.

TOURNAMENT GAMES

C. B. A. Show Fine Form To Beat Nomads

C.B.A. 6 Nomads 1

C.B.A.'s display against the Nomads at King's Park last Sunday proved that a succession of defeats does not make a side apathetic, for the majority of the team showed quickness in thought and action that is so essential to interesting hockey. There were more than sufficient glimpses of the real C.B.A. side to account for their opponents by 6 goals to one.

The visitors were too strong for the Nomads, and fully deserved their four-goal lead in the first half, the scorers being E. Fowler (2), Smith and Bickford.

Soon after the resumption, B. Xavier on the left wing, cut in smartly to beat Dunne and Taylor to reduce the deficit and this happened to be Nomads' only goal.

E. Fowler, however, playing an inspired game at centre forward completed his hat-trick with the most spectacular goal of the match when he penetrated the opposing defence in a brilliant solo effort and registered with a neat flick shot. He found the net again, in the closing minutes of the game.

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE The experience of T. Whitley and I. Dunne in the C.B.A. half-back line was of great value, and while they held the fast Nomad forwards in check, they managed to keep their own forwards on the attack.

Taylor and Analio were good backs, the latter showing distinct promise and with more experience, should develop into a very useful player.

There was nothing wrong with the forwards, who combined well, Bickford, making his first appearance in the League at inside-left, somewhat strengthened the line.

It was a bad day for the Nomads' attack, as the visiting defence proved sturdy. P. Rull, at centre, tried hard to get through the C.B.A. defence but received little support from his inside colleagues. R. J. Reed

Khalsa Out-play Destroyers

Khalsa 2 Destroyers 0

ALTHOUGH Khalsa did not score more than two goals against the Destroyers, they were never in any danger of losing to the sailors on the Police Ground last Sunday.

The ground was hard and dry and the Indians, though unable to reproduce normal hockey on such an uneven surface, always had a lot in hand.

In the first half Khalsa scored once as the result of a break-through at right inner, and they had also much the better of the arguments in play, such as it was. A four-goal lead at the interval would not have been out of place, but Ravencroft in goal could not be beaten.

Practically during the hole of the second half Khalsa peppered the opposing defence until half way from the end Gurbachan Singh sent in a terrific drive from the edge of the circle to beat Ravencroft for the second time.

FASTER FORWARD Destroyers certainly adapted themselves to the fast pitch, and in Lieut. Wyld possessed the fastest forward on the field. He would have done better had his wings given him the needed support.

Khalsa presented a sturdy defence and Kishan Singh and Mohinder Singh and Hassan at centre-half worked hard. The forwards were not so accurate with their shooting, though their combination and approach work was good.

The second umpire appointed by the Association failed to appear, but the game was excellently handled by Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist on his own.

was a hard-working pivot, but here again he was badly let down by a very shaky last line of defenders.

Soccer Interport With S'hai Possible During Chinese New Year

SEVERAL DONATIONS of a charitable nature were made by the Council of the Hongkong Football Association, at their monthly meeting yesterday held in the Association's offices in Bank of Canton Building. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, and he was supported by Mr. C. A. Goldenberg (Secretary) and members of the Council.

Many will remember Pte. Courtney, late of the Middlesex Regiment, who lost his eye sight in a very sad accident in Hongkong sometime back. A gift of £25 was voted by the Council, which money was to be forwarded to him by draft. He is present at St. Dunstan's.

Another grant of \$100 was also made to the Queen Mary Hospital Christmas Tree fund, being \$50 more than the previous year's donation.

In connection with this fund, permission was granted for a charity match to be played on the Hongkong Football Club ground on the 15th instant, between the Medical Department and the Health Department.

Interports

SUBJECT to the final acceptance from Shanghai regarding the Interport to be played during the Chinese New Year Holidays, the following were elected to the Interport Sub-Committee: Messrs. C. Guimang, Walter H. Chen, R. M. Omar, J. Skinner, Markelvie, W. E. Hollands and Capt. A. W. Peel.

Burma Football Association have accepted Hongkong's invitation to send a team here at the end of April, provided they can manage to get away from their other games and their interport match with Malaya.

The Interport game against Macau has been definitely fixed for April 20, 1941.

South China Athletic Association sought permission to play one match against Manila during February. This was granted subject to their being able to return to Hongkong before the second round of the Senior Shield, i.e. before February 21, 1941.

Charity Matches

ON the 22nd instant, two matches between two teams representing the

Random Jottings

Short-comings Of Umpires And Players

LAST SUNDAY was the second occasion when an umpire appointed by the Association failed to put in an appearance. However, the game was very satisfactorily handled by the other official who sportingly offered to do both halves.

On the other hand, I received a personal complaint from an umpire who states that he had been to Lyemun on three occasions when the games were cancelled and when no information whatever was given to him either by the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.H.A. or by the secretary of the Umpires' Association.

There is yet a third complaint. Last Sunday, at 10.30 a.m., the Police and Royal Engineers were to have played at Sookunpoo, but neither side turned up and spectators who had gathered were thoroughly disappointed. The same evening I mentioned the incident to the secretary of the Umpires' Association and he knew nothing about the cancellation.

With consideration to the public, the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.H.A. or the representatives of either team could have at least informed the press that the match was postponed. Incidentally, the Police had their Sports Meeting the same day and someone must have been in the know. These three incidents show gross lack of co-operation on the part of the Umpires' Association. The officials should bear in mind that should they be willing to offer their services for the love of the game, the work should be well done. I do hope that the Umpires' Association will in future take a greater interest in their work.

I AM glad to observe that Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist had once again, taken to umpiring. He still plays for the Y.M.C.A. and A.N. Others' XI and his experience as a player should serve them in good stead.

Another umpiring enthusiast is Mr. Tys. To my knowledge he has umpired as many as three games in one day, and enjoys it.

The Association at present lacks keen umpires and I do hope that these officials will keep up their good work.

THE University during the week-end did well to win their first points in the League at the expense of a strong A.N. Other XI.

The Others probably underestimated the strength of the Undergraduates, and when the latter scored their only goal they hung grimly to their lead to the very end.

Varsity has strengthened its team since the last defeat.

NORMAN Whitley, well-known Club and C.B.A. left half, left hospital last Tuesday and has fully recovered from a slight attack of influenza.

TOURNAMENT fixtures for next Sunday, December 16, are:

Police "A" v. University (Police Ground), 10.30 a.m.
N. Other XI v. 5th A.A. "B" (Club Ground), 10.30 a.m.
Police "B" v. Khalsa (Police Ground), 11.45 a.m.
Punjab v. Gunboats (Marina Ground), 4 p.m.

2nd M.T.B.'s v. 5th A.A. "B" (Navy Ground), 4 p.m.

The following games have been postponed due to Volunteer camp:—R.E. v. C.B.A.
Recreio v. Nomads.
Destroyers v. Signals.

"Y" FIXTURES ANNOUNCED

The following European Y.M.C.A. activities are announced:

Thursday (to-day)—Squash, 6 to 11 p.m.; Hockey, 8 and 4.30 p.m.; Swimming (water heated).

Friday—Badminton, 6 to 11 p.m. Mixed Swimming, 6 and 7 p.m.

Saturday—Hockey 4.30 p.m. Swimming (water heated); Tennis. Sunday—0 p.m. Discussion Group; Tennis; Swimming (water heated).

Monday—Women's War Work West Lounge 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Swimming (water heated) and Swimming Instruction.

Tuesday—American Tea, Women's Section West Lounge; Badminton 6 to 11 p.m.; Mixed Swimming 6 to 8 p.m. (water heated); Billiards Match, 7.30 to 11 p.m.

Wednesday—Women's War Work 9 to 12 noon. West Lounge; Swimming (water heated) and Swimming Instruction; Chess 6 to 11 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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Secretary,
Hongkong, 9th December, 1940.

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WAR AIMS BEING CONSIDERED

Churchill To Speak Soon

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Statements regarding impending British announcements of war aims are premature. For some time past the Cabinet has been giving a provisional examination to the principles which might guide a general settlement. It is intended that when Government has brought these discussions to a more definite stage, Dominion and Allied Governments shall be consulted.

It is obvious that no public statement can be expected in the meantime. In any case, such a statement could only be on general lines as it is not possible to foresee what basic developments may take place in the war situation.

Furthermore, Government must bear in mind that while it may be desirable to make known what Great Britain and the Allies are fighting for, it is not desirable to place any handicap in advance on any Government which might succeed them after the war is won or to revive Party strife by enunciating proposals which could cause controversy and weaken the war effort.

Early In New Year

A British statement is not expected before the New Year, but it is anticipated that the Prime Minister will take an early opportunity in 1941 to make a pronouncement to the world on the subject of the Allies' war aims. In this connection it may be recalled that President Roosevelt makes his inauguration speech at Washington early in January—an occasion which would seem inevitably to promise a declaration of importance from the President of the United States.

International Police

LONDON, Dec. 11 (British Wireless).—Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister for Home Security and Home Secretary, pointed out, in a speech today dealing with the purpose of the war and its outcome, the possibility of a co-operative international system guaranteed by an international police force.

"Never again," he said, shall it be possible for ruthless hordes to terrorise a continent, to smash homes and cities, to crush the innocent bodies of women and children and to blast into powder the fruits of man's toil and the monuments of his greatness.

No Separate Air Force

"Whatever else peace may bring or take away that, at least, must go for ever. A separate air force, the

India's Mills Turn Out War Supplies

LONDON, Dec. 11 (British Wireless).—India's contribution to the Empire war effort continued to increase during November.

Jute mills are now making shells and production has begun of new 25-pound shell and small arms ammunition for air warfare.

Large quantities of electric cable have been produced for naval use and the manufacture of light portable bridges in sections, not previously undertaken in India, has now begun.

The handloom industry is being developed to meet a deficiency in mill-made blankets. Service clothing factories manufactured during October half a million articles. Pre-war production of 5,000 army motor vehicles has been increased to about 30,000 on hand or on order, and the figure will be doubled next year.

Restrictions Removed

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of cholera have been removed, as well as the quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Kentsin against arrivals from Hongkong on the same account.

Czechs Take Heart From Repudiation of Munich

LONDON, Dec. 11 (British Wireless).—Dr Benes, President of the Czechoslovak Provisional Government, revealed to the newly-formed Czechoslovak State Council that, at his request, the British Government in an official note dated Nov. 11, expressly assured him that they did not recognise the Munich Agreement.

Dr Benes added, "It goes without saying that we shall draw all the conclusions to which we are legally entitled by our agreement with the British Government when the appropriate moment comes. I lay the fullest emphasis on the fact that we are not going to abandon any of our citizens, either Czechoslovaks or Ruthenians."

He said that the struggle for liberation was being carried on unanimously in Bohemia and 60 per cent of all Slovaks were in favour of a united Republic. As to Carpathian Ruthenia, the easternmost province of Czechoslovakia annexed by Hungary in May, 1939, Ruthenians stood united behind the Czechoslovaks. He did not say that the State was to be re-constituted exactly as it has been but definite frontier could only be established by new and voluntary negotiations. When the time came for a revolution in Central Europe, there would be fighting on all borders and in all States. The Czechoslovak people would have a large share in it.

COMPENSATION FOR COLLIERIES

LONDON, Dec. 11 (British Wireless).—The Government has announced a scheme designed to help the British coal industry to meet the situation developing owing to the decline of its exports and transport difficulties.

The present scheme provides for a levy not exceeding 6d. a ton on all coal sold by each district and the payment of compensation from the levy so created to colliery undertakings which have suffered loss of trade to a greater extent than the average loss sustained by the industry as a whole.

It is proposed that, subject to an over-riding limit of 6d., provision shall be included in the approved price of coal, for the actual rate of levy that proves necessary from time to time during the war to pay compensation at the rate eventually fixed.

Italy's Oil Line Is Directly Menaced

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—An important source of Italian oil supplies is menaced by the Greek push in north Albania directed towards the Skumbi river valley.

The Devoli River region is threatened; from here comes at least half of Italy's peacetime oil requirements. Though this proportion is reduced owing to war time consumption, the importance of the area is increased by Italy's geographical position and her susceptibility to blockade.

Stranger In Hotel Office

A well-dressed young man of 28, Shick Wah, was charged by Detective J. H. Sykes before Mr. J. J. Gould at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, with being found in the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotel Company's office in Exchange Building, second floor, at 4.45 p.m. on December 11 for the purpose of stealing, as he admitted the charge.

Sergeant Sykes said that Miss White, a stenographer, left the office for five minutes and returned to find defendant in the office. He had his hand in the drawer of her desk. Although he had stolen nothing he had no right to be there. He was not employed in any of the offices in that building.

When questioned, defendant stated that he was looking for a Russian woman whom he knew.

Defendant had three previous convictions.

Sergeant Sykes said that defendant was under Police supervision up to December 22, 1941.

"Perhaps Your Worship would consider extending this," Sergeant Sykes said. "I would ask Your Worship to take a serious view of the case as lunatics of this kind are very common and it is difficult to arrest the culprits."

Mr. Gould sentenced defendant to

For over a decade before Mussolini drove out King Zog and seized his country, Italy had shown a great interest in, and had spent much money on the development of this oilfield.

Italian interests began prospecting as long ago as 1925. Real progress was visible in 1933 when the Italian Government voted 200 million lire for developing Albanian oil resources. The building of a pipeline to a little oil port near Valona was inaugurated and in January 1936 the first load of crude oil was carried along the 40-mile pipeline.

On the seizure of Albania early in 1939, absolute control of this oil industry constituted one of Italy's chief economic gains, and development was pressed forward with an even greater intensity.

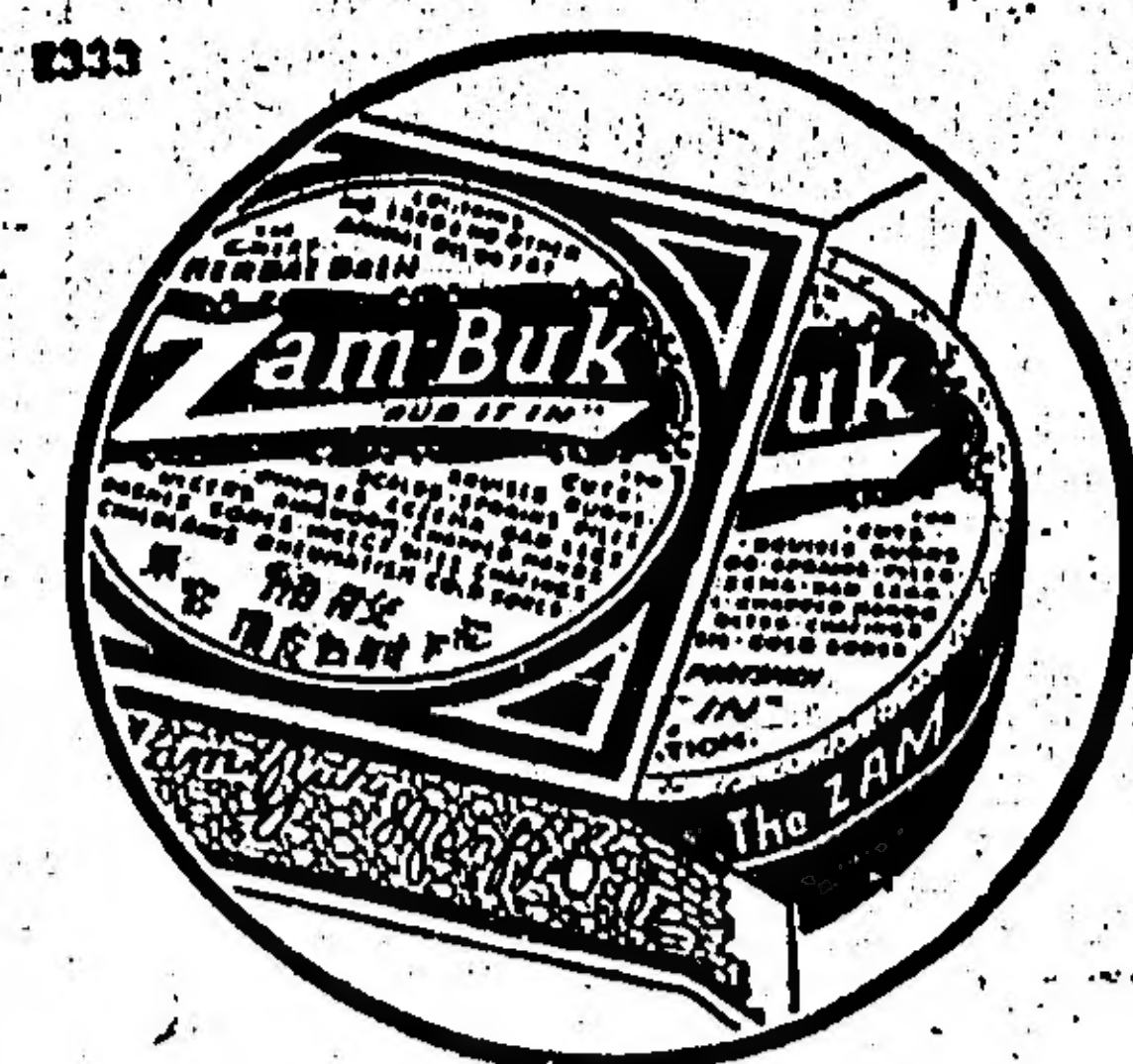
Vital To Italy

Several hundred wells were sunk, and it became clear that Italy regarded Albanian oil as a vital constituent in her economic bloodstream.

So fast was the development pushed that soon after annexation Italy was obtaining 15,000 tons of oil monthly, compared with only 1,500 tons five years earlier.

In the past 12 months there has been feverish activity in the Devoli Valley, presumably as a result of the locking of the Mediterranean by the Royal Navy which prevents Italian imports of oil from other parts of the world.

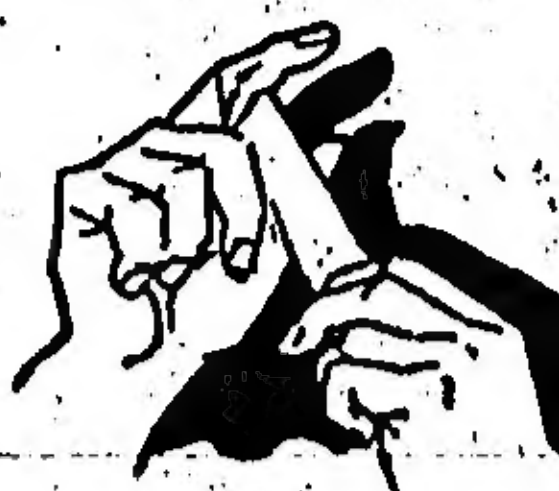
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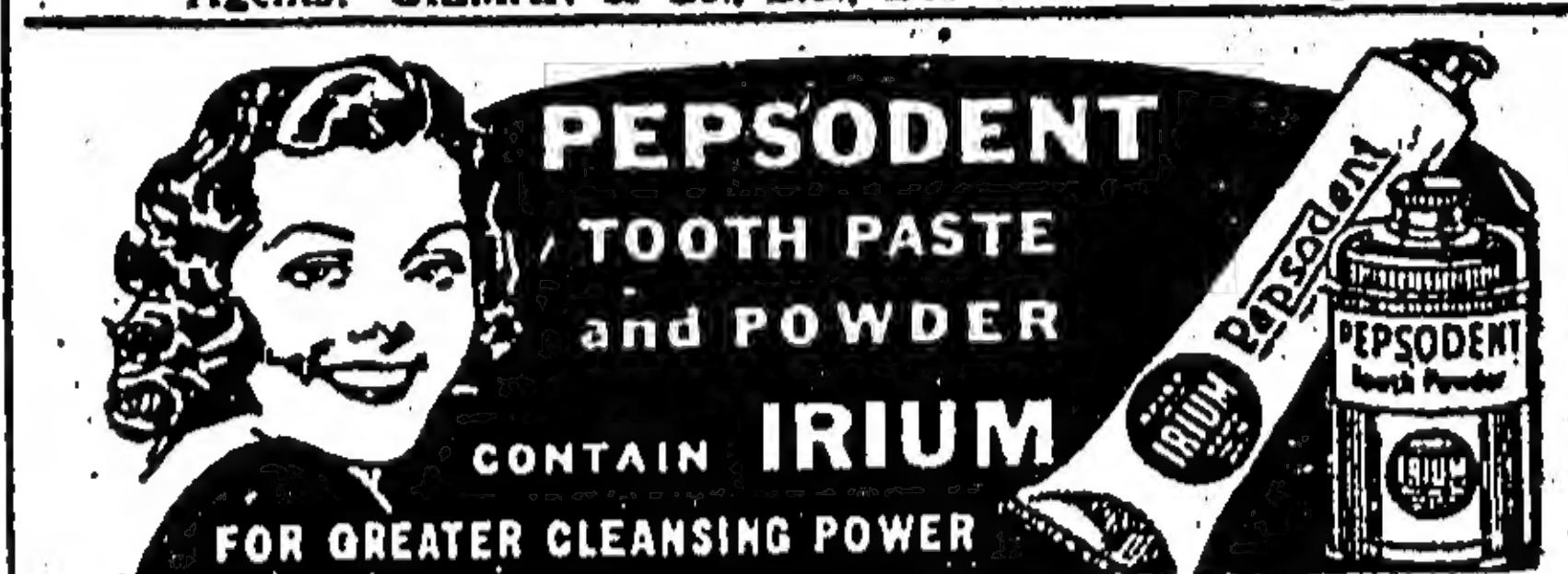
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BRITISH CAPTURE SIDI BARRANI

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described the recapture of Sidi Barrani to "Reuters". He said that the news would cause a sensation throughout Egypt. "This smashing Italian defeat removes any possible doubt concerning the safety of Egypt."

6,000 Prisoners

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—Over 6,000 Italian prisoners are reported to have been captured in the Western Desert together with quantities of war materials which have not yet been sorted out, states a communique issued by G. H. Q. here to-day.

It adds that operations are continuing satisfactorily. Patrolling continues on the Sudan front, while on other fronts the situation is unchanged.

10 Aircraft Down

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The bombardment of all Italian aerodromes in the Libyan Desert continued throughout Tuesday. Two enemy camps, troops concentrations and motor transport were repeatedly bombed, states an R.A.F. communique.

Six enemy aircraft were certainly shot down while three others were seen falling out of control. Further enemy aircraft were destroyed on the Eliden aerodrome during a particularly heavy raid last night. High explosive bombs set fire to several hangars while direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft, several of which exploded.

Fires were visible 60 miles away. In the Bardia-Sollum area, many bombs were dropped on motor transport concentrations, while the enemy camp of Sollum was also heavily bombed.

Fleet Air Arm

The Fleet Air Arm co-operated with the R.A.F. in attacking barracks at Bardia and the cement road at Sollum, while other aircraft bombed the landing ground.

One enemy aircraft on the ground at Gazala was destroyed, bringing the total to 10 in addition to an unknown number destroyed or badly damaged. During these operations, which continued through 24 hours, one British aircraft failed to return.

How French Assisted

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The part taken by the Free French forces in the Egyptian offensive in co-operation with British forces, is described in a communique from General de Gaulle's headquarters which states that advanced units of French troops have taken a number of prisoners and war material in the Sidi Barrani district.

The Free French leader adds that a battalion of marines has been especially mentioned in army quarters as having "at the frontier of Chad and Libya, completely occupied a zone of French territory" which should have been evacuated under the armistice terms.

Decisive Success

"REUTERS" MILITARY COMMENTATOR

LONDON, Dec. 11.—News of the capture of Sidi Barrani suggests that British arms scored a decisive success which, if followed up resolutely and hardily, may have tremendous repercussions on the morale of the Italians and on the internal situation in Italy.

From the bare details at present available this would seem to be the moment to push ahead with the utmost vigour and determination with a view to pressing the advantage already gained and obtaining far-reaching benefits.

The problem of Libya is not a single problem. It cannot be divorced from the situation in Greece. They must be considered together for at all points the Italians must be given no respite and the utmost pressure must be maintained on every front in order to obtain decisive results.

Naval Co-Operation

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—Naval forces have been harassing the enemy retreating along the coast during the night of December 10 and 11, says a naval communique. They have also been bombarding enemy columns on the roads round Sollum.

Reshuffle Of Konoye Cabinet Forecast

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said to be bitterly opposed to Admiral Nomura's appointment.

Extremists Impatient

Admiral Okawa is said to be unpopular because of his policy of caution regarding the prosecution of Japan's southward advancement ambitions. Military extremists are reported highly dissatisfied with Government's present policy of trying to obtain what it wants from the Netherlands East Indies by negotiation, as they have done in French Indo-China.

So strong have been the demands of the extremists, that rumours have set December as the deadline for "positive" action regarding the N.E.I.

The announcement, however, that a detachment of the United States Navy is scheduled to make a "good-will" visit in that vicinity in the near future may possibly tend to support Admiral Okawa's policy.

Kobayashi Loses Face

As regards Mr. Kobayashi, he is believed to have added little to his personal prestige during his negotiations with the N.E.I. authorities. Recent controversy and the subsequent compromise on National economic policy is also seen by some as a loss of face for Mr. Kobayashi.

Whether the purge of those whom elements oppose would be accepted by those who hold grave doubts about the ultimate German victory in Europe remains doubtful.

The progress of the Italo-Greek conflict and the lack of progress on other fronts in Europe has done little to dispel those doubts.

Accordingly, the possibility of a complete change of Government cannot be excluded entirely although a "walk-out" on the eve of the Diet session by Prince Konoye would meet with scant public approval, which

ARTILLERY DUEL NEAR TEPELINI

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maintaining their positions despite all attacks. Along the Lake Ochrid coast the Greeks have advanced slightly despite snow and rain.

R.A.F. Bomb Valona

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". ATHENS, Dec. 11 (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communique says: "R.A.F. bombers again raided Valona yesterday. A ship in the harbour was hit and other bombs fell among buildings, a munition dump, and a motor transport park. From all these operations, our aircraft returned safely."

Advance Continues

ATHENS, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The Greek army continues to advance according to plan, says the Athens radio. "In unending rain and snow it is pursuing the enemy."

The left flank of the enemy is retreating to the heights of Khamarra and all his attempts to resist, have failed. Further north the enemy is unable to hold the position he is defending stubbornly and he is retreating here also.

In the region of Premeti our troops are advancing further into the interior of Albania and have taken positions of great strategic value. Still further north the Italians have been driven from strongly fortified heights which are so valuable that they tried to re-take the positions but have suffered most severe losses.

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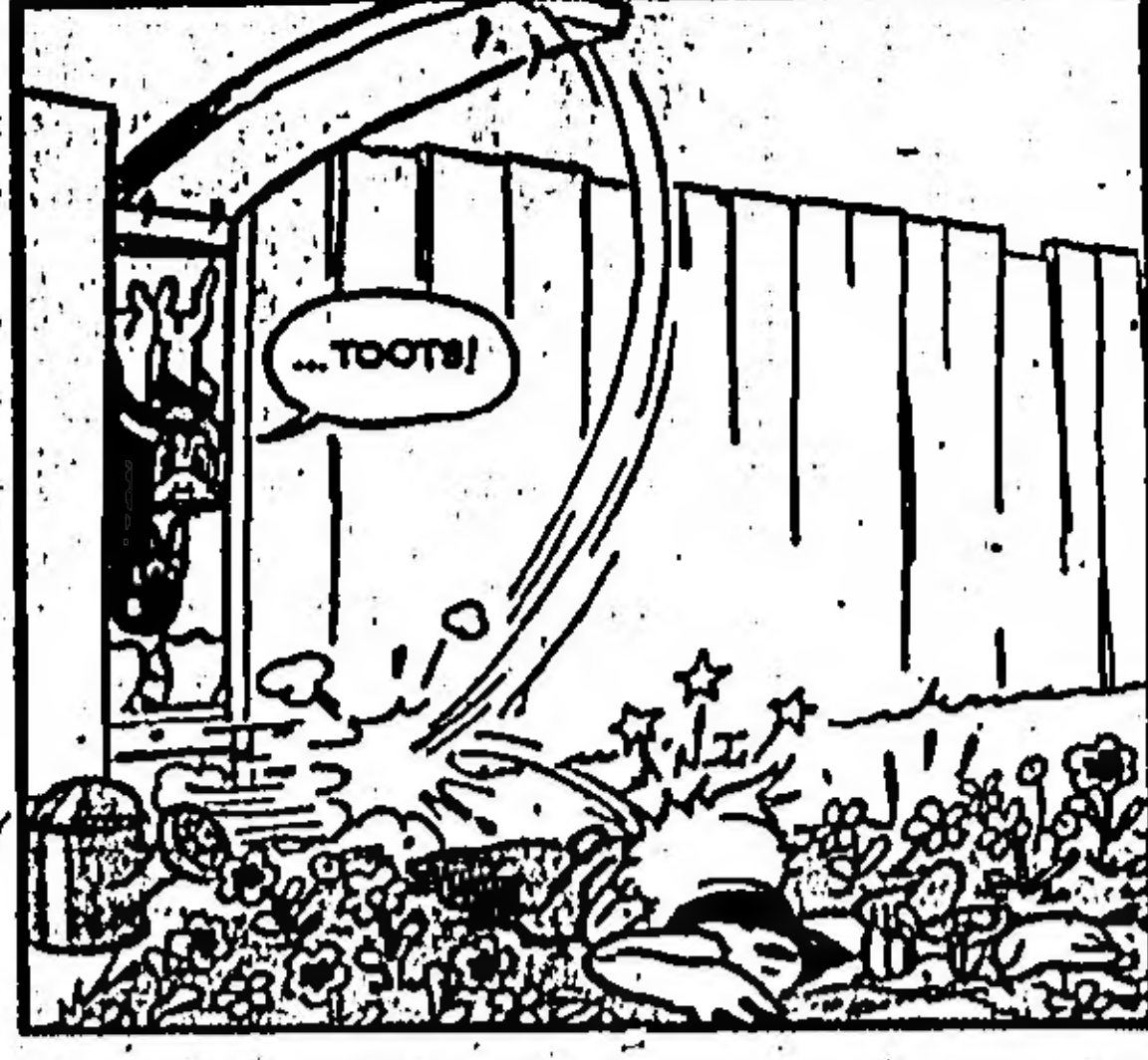


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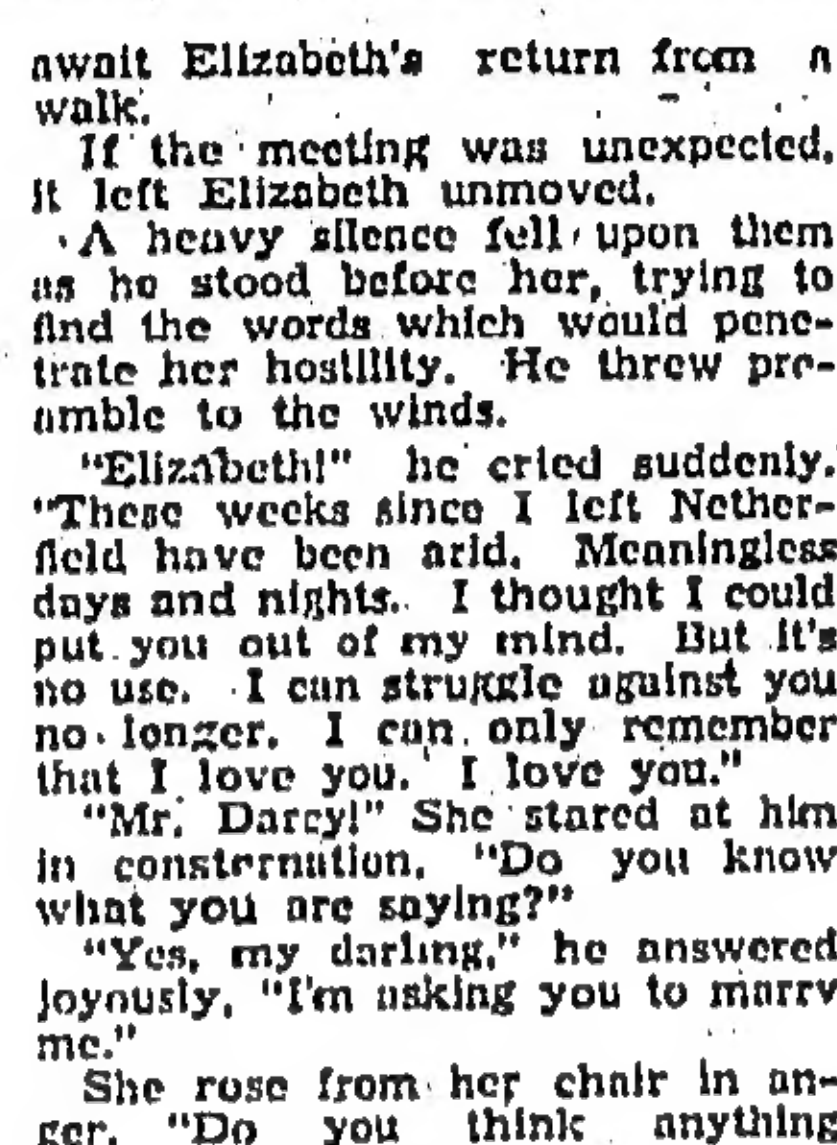
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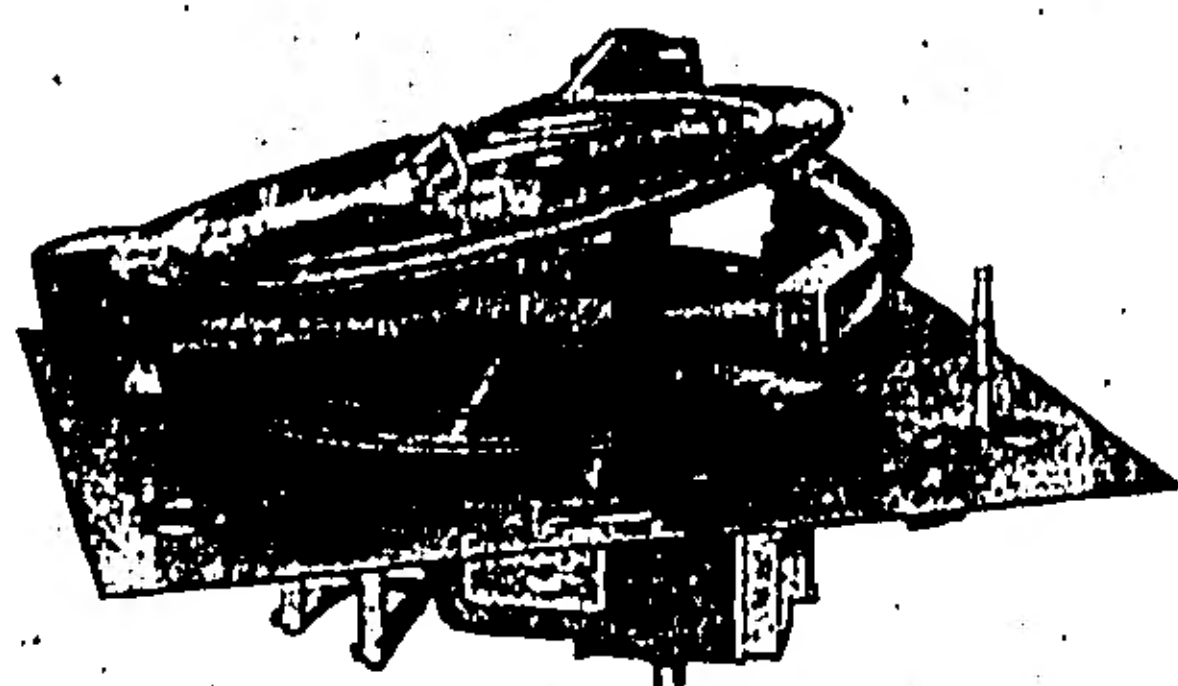
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ON HER METTLE

THE speeches of President Roosevelt are in these days not less an inspiration than those of the British Prime Minister, and, again like Mr. Churchill's, a source of discontent and confusion to the enemy. When Germany, Italy, and Japan, in despicable cabal, concluded their latest pact, no one in this country had any doubt what the response of the American Government and people would be to that challenge.

The United States will not be deflected from its companion purposes of sending all possible help to Great Britain and defending the Americas, and their rights in the Atlantic and the Pacific, against all aggression. If anything were needed further to strengthen American resolve, it is provided in the triple Axis Powers' attempt at intimidation.

The British people, resolute and confident, will find cause for special pride in the President's recent references to the successful struggle which this democracy is making against the tyrants who seek to lay West and East alike under fee. The resources of the British Commonwealth are vast. Added to those of the United States, they will in course of time be overwhelming. For America the die is cast. She may continue to stop short of actual war—though many of her people think that such abstention cannot be prolonged indefinitely; the tide of events is moving fast and strong. But, whether American policy be belligerency or non-belligerency, there can be no doubt that the country's war potential will be increasingly at the service of the British peoples and their Allies; for the battle they fight is America's battle as well.

The most unshaken isolationist has now fully awakened to the reality of the menace which stretches, or would stretch, westward across the Atlantic. However subtle may be totalitarian manoeuvres and propaganda, Washington will not be deceived. No promise from Axis quarters is worth a moment's consideration. Mr. Roosevelt has bluntly told them that they may save themselves the trouble.

The course of current history has brought the American and British democracies closer together, probably than they have ever been. Hitler may move his insatiable tentacles eastward, but it is this message from the West that gives him food for thought and will confound his deep-laid plots.



RIBBENTROP: "I thought you said you would bring it down with your first shot?"
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What are the churches doing?

By the Rev.
W. Rowland JONES

The last war gave us "Woodbine Willie," "Dick Sheppard"—a dozen other inspired religious leaders. Who is there to-day?

WHERE are our religious leaders in this war? Is there an Archbishop of Canterbury, or has he retired for the duration? What is the name of the Methodist President, and has he a voice?

Certainly I know the name of the Cardinal Archbishop of the Catholic Church, for he has recently distinguished himself by being named the Censor in Elre. But where are the others—are there no religious leaders left?

There are 30,000 ordained clergy in the Church of England, 10,000 Methodist ministers, 10,000 Catholic priests and perhaps another 10,000 ministers of other denominations. That is almost an Army division of men who are exempt from fighting in order to LEAD us in religion. But they do not seem to be leading. They do not even seem to be justifying their privilege of complete exemption, regardless of age, from military service.

Mr. Duff Cooper thinks that they are such a brainless crowd that they cannot even prepare their own sermons. Mr. Duff Cooper, therefore, regardless of cost and of paper shortage, has discovered a retired octogenarian Divine of the last century, and has asked him to dig up an old Great War sermon suitable for dishing out to the "leaders" of this present generation.

A timorous band

It was not so very long ago that Mr. Duff Cooper became seriously angry when a clergyman ventured to say something about politics—something with which Mr. Duff Cooper did not agree.

But that was a long time ago, when there was courage among some of the clergy; it was even before Mr. Duff Cooper was Minister of Information. All that has changed, and the Ministry of Information now not only tells the clergy to preach politics, but provides them with a dusty thirty-page, twenty-year-old sermon all ready to READ to their flocks.

This is a clear indication of the official regard for the clergy of our day. They are looked upon as a docile, timorous band ready to ladle out to the people whatever they are told.

God's message is distilled through the Ministry of Information before it is allowed to flow to these supine leaders of the multitude. It was very different in the last war. The need of the hour found the man of the hour. Great religious leaders sprang up.

They were not spoon-fed by any Government—far from it, for the Government hung fearfully upon their words. They were prophets with a living message, and you cannot silence a prophet by Act of Parliament.

There was Dr. Orchard at his Mayfair Church, who never hesitated, with his impassioned zeal, to condemn every departure from Christlikeness, even when it was dressed up in the garments of patriotism.

affectionately known as Woodbine Willie, drawing crowds wherever he went, and leading men along the paths of justice.

There was the much-loved Dick Sheppard, not a pacifist then, yet a fearless prophet of God with a burning love for humanity.

There were giants like Doctor Glover and Dinsdale Young and Campbell Morgan.

It is impossible to think of any one of these looking twice at a second-hand sermon from the Ministry of Information.

Why are there no religious leaders of the same calibre to-day? The reason is because the organised Churches of this country, and of others too, have allowed themselves to be enslaved by the delusion of worldly success.

An empty success

Our religious "leaders" ask themselves always, "Will my message find applause from the influential among my people? Will those in authority approve these words? If I speak thus boldly will it ruin my chances of preferment?"

Many a clergyman has it in his heart to declare what his soul knows is true, but he hesitates with the words on his lips. "My congregation would not like it."

So the inspiration dies at birth. The success of organised religious denominations, so deliberately sought by the clergy, is an empty success, for it is achieved by compromise, and is won by a denial of the very message which the Founder of the Church commanded his apostles to proclaim.

In place of leaders, therefore, we have to be content with good organisers, genial "mixers" whose billiard players ("the lads like it"), ardent signers of forms ("please call at the Vicarage at ten o'clock"), suitable loud-speakers for Mr. Duff Cooper's gramophone records.

But the need—that is as great as ever it was. As well as guns and aeroplanes, we must have the conviction that our victory will be that of an IDEAL, for which peoples are prepared to suffer and die.

No inspiration

One country after another has gone down, not only because of a shortage of arms, but because there was no inspiration among the common people. That is the province of the religious leader.

Ask the soldiers what they think of religion. You must forgive the swear-words, but when you get down to it, it is just this. They are merely amused by competitive denominationalism; ritualistic and dogmatic Christianity leaves them cold.

They don't like parsons much—but they do admit the power of religion. As a Canadian officer, returned from the trenches, said in the last war, "It can help you to be a gentleman in hell."

In genuine religion we have the only guarantee of social progress and of permanent peace. Everything else has been tried and has failed.

Oh, for a leader, daring, compelling, eloquent, who will lift up his voice and preach that faith!

Britain Making Secret Weapon

From experience gained after three months of the heaviest and most sustained series of bombing attacks ever launched on a city, the guns and searchlights in the London area are being regrouped.

As their numbers have been increased, new tactics have been employed to minimise the weight of the enemy attack.

One evidence of changed methods is the great volume of light which now floods the night sky.

The new light, which is white, appears to come from the ground, and is spread along the horizon, silhouetting the outlines of buildings.

Other bright lights above appear to be parachute flares.

This battery of light is driving the enemy high to avoid detection, and the chance of becoming an illuminated target for the guns.

Anti-aircraft fire is becoming more accurate by night, assisted by the searchlights and sound location.

Greeted By Shells

There is no doubt that many of the enemy raiders are turned away from the Central London area by the barrage of bursting shells which have greeted their approach.

Many statements, some over-encouraging, have been made recently about new methods and new weapons to solve the problem of night interception.

It should be made clear that at the moment there is not an effective answer to the night-raider because the guns cannot hit and the fighters cannot chase something which cannot be seen.

Finding The Answer

The whole weight of technical development at the Air Ministry is working to obtain an effective answer—that is, to be able to bring down such a proportion of raiders each night that the enemy will find the game too costly.

There is good reason to suppose that these new methods will be brought into operation in about another month.

They include improvements in guns, searchlights and balloons, a new type of fighting aircraft and technical developments whose nature must remain a secret.

HITLER BORROWS SUBMARINES FROM ITALY

Mussolini is lending submarines to Hitler to aid Germany's depleted underwater fleet in its attempt to blockade Britain, states a message from Cairo.

Some Italian submarines have passed through the Strait of Gibraltar and are now believed to be based on French Atlantic ports.

Without doubt they have played a big part in sending up Allied shipping losses, but they are far from safe in their new bases, which are subject to bombardment by the R.A.F.

Targets Are There
Meanwhile, little Italian submarine activity is reported in the Mediterranean.

In view of speculation about the next Axis move, the above information, received from a trustworthy naval authority, is specially interesting, as it shows that Italy's principal naval effort is being applied outside the Mediterranean.

The Italians cannot claim lack of targets in the Mediterranean. Recent arrivals in Egypt of important British reinforcements bear witness to that.

Nazis Bully Switzerland For Food & Oil

By W. N. Ewer

Germany is starting to bully Switzerland again. The pretended grievance is that the Swiss have not shot down any R.A.F. planes that have strayed over Swiss territory on their way to and from Italy.

But the real point of it all is economic.

The Germans want to plunder Switzerland, as they have plundered the occupied countries.

They hope to do it without the trouble of an invasion—by threatening the Swiss until they "stand and deliver."

During the first months of the war the Swiss Government devoted much energy to building up reserves of food, petrol and other essential commodities.

And in addition to this, every Swiss housewife has a well stored cellar of food, the Government having told her to hoard everything possible.

There are some 50,000 tons of petrol and oil in the country. Germany covets the lot.

She is trying to negotiate a one-sided "trade agreement" which will give her all those stocks.

After all, say the German negotiators, they are no longer needed as Switzerland is no longer in danger.

The Swiss are naturally reluctant to give the Germans all that valuable material in exchange for a trickle of coal and dubious paper payments.

Oil King's Son Now War Prisoner

Forty-three-year-old Fleet Air Arm pilot Lt. H. Deterding, R.N.V.R., son of the late Sir Henri Deterding, "the oil king," previously reported missing, is now prisoner of war.

When his wife received the news by telegram from the Admiralty at her home, Newnham Grounds, near Daventry, Northants, she said: "I have had a very hard time since I heard he was missing."

Lt. Deterding joined up the day before the war, and prior to being appointed to a ship on September 9 served as a pilot at an observer school.



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Tangier Sheltering Italian Submarines

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The British Government's watchfulness on the situation at Tangier where the Spanish authorities have taken over the administration, was again made apparent in answers to questions in the House of Commons to-day.

The Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr R. A. Butler, stated that the two Italian submarines which arrived in Tangier some weeks ago are not yet in a seaworthy state and the Spanish Government has given them a further period to complete repairs.

In the meantime, the British Ambassador has put the British case regarding Tangier in a very strong and definite light to the Spanish Government.

Dealing with a suggestion that the Spanish authorities are erecting permanent fortifications at Tangier, Mr Butler said that his information did not indicate such a development.

The British Government is watching the situation very closely and the Spanish Government has been left in no doubt as to the importance attached to the question.

MORE LOANS BY UNITED STATES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP).—It was announced to-day that the Export-Import Bank has agreed to loan \$50,000,000 to the Argentina and \$7,000,000 to Uruguay.

The Treasury Department is also prepared formally to announce tomorrow a loan of \$50,000,000 to the Argentina from the stabilization fund. Mr Jesse Jones, President of the Export-Import Bank, said that negotiations are under way for a \$50,000,000 bank loan to Cuba, and that negotiations are proceeding between the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and Chile for Chilean nitrate. He said he was considering the buying of copper from Chile, Peru and Mexico.

Duchess Of Windsor "In Good Spirits"

MIAMI, Dec. 11 (UP).—The Duchess of Windsor is in "good spirits and feeling better."

However, the slight danger of complications will not be passed until next Saturday.

Japan's War Purchases

150 Different Materials

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP).—There are now over 150 strategic war materials which Japan buys from day to day.

They include 10 basic chemicals; 13 basic metals and alloys; 16 basic materials; 32 types of motor fuel and lubricating oil; 32 types and kinds of machine tools; 18 types of explosives; 21 types of poison gases; 21 types and kinds of fire control instruments.

All types of arms, ammunition and implements of war; all plans, drawings and designs for motors, also planes and parts, tanks, guns and other war equipment and refining or oil cracking plants.

JAPANESE BOMB KUNMING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

INDO-CHINA, BASE, Dec. 11 (Domei).—Favoured by fine weather, Japanese naval aircraft to-day bombed the Kunming airport and aviation school.

The Chinese planes on the ground were machine-gunned and destroyed, while one plane which attempted to escape was shot down. Other naval units bombed the power-station at Amli, 40 miles north of Mengtze in Yunnan. All the planes returned to their base.

Last War Ace Still Leading Squadrons

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A Canadian air ace is leading the R.A.F. squadrons which have completely dominated the air over the operations in the Western Desert. He is Air Commodore Raymond Collishaw who shot down 60 enemy planes in the last war.

South China Trounce R. Navy 6-2

A COMBINED TEAM of senior and junior players of South China were much superior to the Royal Navy when they met in a friendly game of football at Causeway Bay yesterday. South China won 6-2, four of the Chinese total being to the credit of Lee Tack-kee.

The Chinese were mostly on the offensive, and gave the Navy defence a testing time. On two of the few occasions in which the sailors broke through, Henry and Barber scored.

South China led 3-0 at half time, and their other goal-scorers were Chee Wing-keung and Lee Din-kee. Teams were: South China—Tan Kwan-kon; Hui Fok-yuen; Wong Shu-kee; Tse Kam-hung; Lam Tak-po; Ho Lok-kee; Chin Chi-fai; Lai Chung-yin (Chee Wing-keung in 2nd half); Lee Tak-kee in 2nd half; and Leung Ping-kun.

Navy:—Robinson; Roughley; Britti; Honeywell; Croft; Hawkins; Phillips; Le Page; Henry, Birch and Barber.

Rest Teams Chosen

TWO CHARITY football matches between teams representing Combined Chinese and Rest of the Colony will be staged on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2.30 and 4 p.m. at Caroline Hill.

The following have been chosen for the rest:—Hendy; Roughley (Capt.); Fraser; Maxwell; Parnaby; North; Owens; Pellam; Fox; O'Brien and Blackford. Rest:—Cook; Blair and Fowler. 4 p.m.:—Robinson; Blackburn (Capt.); D. Leonard; Freshwater; Bright; Wilkinson; Phillips; Le Page; Henry; Honeywell and Marable. Reserves:—Honeywell, Saw, A. J. Hussain and D. Blake.

Free French Official From Far East

SINGAPORE, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Evidence of the growing strength of the Free French movement in the Far East is furnished by the appointment by General De Gaulle of a representative here. He is M. Guy de Schompre, former Consular official in Tientsin.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/4
Demand London	1/2 1/4
T.T. Shanghai	385
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	101
T.T. India	52 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	53 1/2
T.T. Manila	46 1/2
T.T. Batavia	43 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	148
T.T. Saigon	101 1/2
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	89 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/3 1/4

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	54 1/4
30 d/s Manila	94 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

SYRIA UNEASY

Sympathy For de Gaulle

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—While Italian Bersaglieri troops are policing the Palestine-Syrian frontier, the steady extension of the Free French Movement and the increased feeling against the Vichy Government are evident throughout Syria.

General de Gaulle's appeal for co-operation is reported to be finding wide-spread sympathy despite severe censorship, but it is understood that lack of strong leadership within Syria to marshal this anti-Vichy feeling is seriously felt.

The arrest of Free French sympathisers continues and support of the movement are being replaced by Vichy supporters.

Widespread Raids On Reich

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced to-day that R.A.F. bombers attacked a number of targets in western Germany and enemy-occupied territory last night.

The announcement said: "The attacks included railway junctions, power stations, aerodromes and inland docks. The R.A.F. also attacked docks at the Channel invasion ports in enemy-occupied territory. Two R.A.F. planes are missing."

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Bank \$	1,360/65 ea.
H.K. Banks \$	77 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$	80 n.
Chartered \$	7 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. \$	20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. \$	10 1/2 n.
East Asia \$	74 b.

INSURANCES	
Canton \$	185 b.
Union \$	395 n.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$	150 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas \$	135 n.
Steamships \$	11 n.
Indo-China \$	100 n.
Indo-China D. \$	80 n.
Shell (Bourers) s/-	35 1/2 n.
Waterboats \$	7 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$	92 b.
Docks (old) \$	18 b. & sa.
Docks (new) \$	17 1/2 b.
Providents \$	5.55/1/2 ad.
Sh'ni Dockyards \$	30 n.

MINING	
Kalian s/-	10/3 n.
Ruab \$	9 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hotels \$	3.45 b.
Lands \$	33 1/2 b.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh	11 1/4 n.
Humphreys \$	7 1/4 b. & sa.
H.K. Realities \$	3.80 b.
Chinese Estates \$	100 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams \$	17 1/2 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$	7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$	59 1/2 b.
Y. Ferries \$	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) \$	7.35 n.
China Lights (new) \$	7.10 n.
H.K. Electric (old) \$	40 b. & sa.
H.K. Electric (new) \$	30 1/2 b.
Macao Electric (old) \$	17 1/4 n.
Macao Electric (new) \$	18 1/4 n.
Sandakan Lights \$	11.20 b.
Telephones (old) \$	25 1/2 b.
Telephones (new) \$	10 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Caid: Macq. (Ord.) Sh. \$	14.90 n.
Caid: Macq. (Pref.) Sh. \$	12 n.
Canton Ice \$	1 n.
Cements \$	18 1/4 n.
H.K. Ropes \$	7 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Forms \$	19 n.
Watsons \$	10 1/2/60 n.
Lane Crawfords \$	9 n.
Sincere \$	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	39 n.
Powell Ltd. \$	190 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. \$	37 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$	105 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4% \$	98 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934) \$	94 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940) \$	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 CsBds. \$	35 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$	7 b.
Constructions (old) \$	1.60 b.
Constructions (new) \$	1 n.
Vibro Piling \$	7.70 n.
Marmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	7/0 n.
Marmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

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Umpires And Off-side Positions

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Keeping Up With Players

A PLAYER who is in an off-side position only becomes off-side when he breaks the rule. He may not in any way interfere with or take part in a movement, and unless he does so he should not be penalised. It is, however, within the power of the umpire to penalise him if, even though the ball is some distance away, he considers that the player by his position is affecting the tactics or positions of the defence or that he is gaining or is likely to gain, advantage by not being on-side.

He generally will gain some advantage, as for instance, when he uses his off-side position to tackle a defender who is about to stop the ball and who could otherwise make an easy clearance.

The attacker who is off-side thereby gains an unfair advantage and should be penalised. The ease with which one can judge a player off-side depends upon the position adopted in the field, and it is when the attack has got within the 25-yard area that this position is most important.

One has to be in a position to see the edge of the circle and the goal line, as a shot may be taken at any moment, and one must not be between any player and the ball so as to deprive him of a clear field of view.

No hard and fast rule for positioning can be laid down; it can only be learnt from experience, but it is suggested that one should stand level with the attacking outside-right, and between him and the touching when the ball is in the centre or on the right wing.

SPORTS ADVT.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27754) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21020).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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C. B. A. Show Fine Form To Beat Nomads

C.B.A. 6 Nomads 1

C.B.A.'s display against the Nomads at King's Park last Sunday proved that a succession of defeats does not make a side apathetic, for the majority of the team showed quickness in thought and action that is so essential to interesting hockey. There were more than sufficient glimpses of the real C.B.A. side to account for their opponents by 6 goals to one.

The visitors were too strong for the Nomads, and fully deserved their four-goal lead in the first half, the scorers being E. Fowler (2), Smith and Bickford.

Soon after the resumption, B. Fowler on the left wing, cut in smartly to beat Dunne and Taylor to reduce the deficit and this happened to be Nomads' only goal.

E. Fowler however, playing an inspired game at centre forward, completed his hat-trick with the most spectacular goal of the match when he penetrated the opposing defence in a brilliant solo effort and registered with a neat flick shot. He found the net again in the closing minutes of the game.

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE The experience of T. Whitley and Dunne in the C.B.A. half-back line was of great value, and while they held the fast Nomad forwards in check, they managed to keep their own forwards on the attack.

Taylor and Ansile were good backs, the latter showing distinct promise and with more experience, should develop into a very useful player.

There was nothing wrong with the forwards, who combined well. Bickford, making his first appearance in the League at inside-left, somewhat strengthened the line.

It was a bad day for the Nomads' attack, as the visiting defence proved stubborn. P. Rull, at centre, tried hard to get through the C.B.A. defence but received little support from his inside colleagues. R. J. Reed

Khalsa Out-play Destroyers

Khalsa 2 Destroyers 0

ALTHOUGH KHALSA did not score more than two goals against the Destroyers, they were never in any danger of losing to the sailors on the Police Ground last Sunday.

The ground was hard and dry and the Indians, though unable to reproduce normal hockey on such an uneven surface, always had a lot in hand.

In the first half Khalsa scored once as the result of a break-through at right inner, and they had also much the better of the arguments in play, such as it was. A four-goal lead at the interval would have been out of place, but Ravencroft in goal could not be beaten.

Practically during the hole of the second half Khalsa peppered the opposing defence until half way from the end. Gurbachan Singh sent in a terrific drive from the edge of the circle to beat Ravencroft for the second time.

ALTHOUGH they failed to score, Destroyers certainly adapted themselves to the fast pitch, and in Lieut. Wyld possessed the fastest forward on the field. He would have done better had his wingers given him the needed support. Paul and Greenaway were a splendid pair of defenders, the latter breaking up several dangerous raids on the right flank. The sailors have much improved.

Khalsa presented a sturdy defence and Kishen Singh and Mohinder Singh and Hassan at centre-half worked hard. The forwards were not so accurate with their shooting though their combination and approach work was good.

The second umpire appointed by the Association failed to appear, but the game was excellently handled by Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist on his own.

was a hard-working pivot, but here again he was badly let down by a very shabby last line of defenders.

Soccer Interport With S'hai Possible During Chinese New Year

SEVERAL DONATIONS of a charitable nature were made by the Council of the Hongkong Football Association, at their monthly meeting yesterday held in the Association's offices in Bank of Canton Building. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, and he was supported by Mr. C. A. Goldenberg (Secretary) and members of the Council.

Many will remember Pte. Courtney, late of the Middlesex Regiment, who lost his eye sight in a very accident in Hongkong sometime back. A gift of £25 was voted by the Council, which money was to be forwarded to him by draft. He is present at St. Dunstan's.

Another grant of \$100 was also made to the Queen Mary Hospital Christmas Tree fund, being \$50 more than the previous year's donation.

In connection with this fund, permission was granted to a Charity mission was granted to the Hongkong Football Club ground on the 15th instant, between the Medical Department and the Health Department.

Interports

SUBJECT to the final acceptance from Shanghai regarding the Interport to be played during the Chinese New Year Holidays, the following were elected to the Interport Subcommittee: Messrs. C. Gulligan, Committee; Walter H. Chen, R. M. Omar, J. Skinner, J. Mackelvie, W. E. Hollands and Capt. A. W. Peal.

Burma Football Association have accepted Hongkong's invitation to send a team here at the end of April, provided they can manage to get away from their other games and their interport match with Malaya.

The Interport game against Macau has been definitely fixed for April 20, 1941.

South China Athletic Association sought permission to play one match against Malaya during February. This was granted subject to their being able to return to Hongkong before the second round of the Senior Shield, i.e. before February 21, 1941.

Charity Matches

ON the 22nd instant, two matches between two teams representing the

Random Jottings

Short-comings Of Umpires And Players

LAST SUNDAY was the second occasion when an umpire appointed by the Association failed to put in an appearance. However, the game was very satisfactorily handled by the other official who sportingly offered to do both halves.

On the other hand, I received a personal complaint from an umpire who states that he had been to Lyemun on three occasions when the games were cancelled and when no information whatever was given to him either by the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.H.A. or by the secretary of the Umpires' Association.

There is yet a third complaint. Last Sunday, at 10.30 a.m., the Police and Royal Engineers were to have played at Sookunpoo, but neither side turned up and spectators who had gathered were thoroughly disappointed. The same evening I mentioned the incident to the secretary of the Umpires' Association and he knew nothing about the cancellation.

With consideration to the public, the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.H.A. or the representatives of either team could have at least informed the press that the match was postponed. Incidentally, the Police had their Sports Meeting the same day and someone must have been in the know. These three incidents show gross lack of co-operation on the part of the Umpires' Association. These officials should bear in mind that should they be willing to offer their services for the love of the game, the work should be well done. I do hope that the Umpires' Association will in future take a greater interest in their work.

I AM glad to observe that Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist had once again taken to umpiring. He still plays for the Y.M.C.A. and A.N. Others' XI and his experience as a player should serve them in good stead.

Another umpiring enthusiast is Mr. Tyas. To my knowledge he has umpired as many as three games in one day, and enjoys it.

The Association at present lacks keen umpires and I do hope that these officials will keep up their good work.

THE University during the week-end did well to win their first points in the League at the expense of a strong A.N. Other XI.

The Others probably underestimated the strength of the Undergraduates, and when the latter scored their only goal they hung grimly to their lead to the very end.

Verily has strengthened its team since the last defeat.

NORMAN Whitley, well-known Club and C.B.A. left half, left hospital last Tuesday and has fully recovered from a slight attack of influenza.

TOURNAMENT fixtures for next Sunday, December 15, are:—

Police "A" v. University (Police ground), 10.30 a.m.
N. Other XI v. 5th A.A. "B" (Club ground), 10.30 a.m.
Police "B" v. Khalsa (Police ground), 11.45 a.m.
Punjab v. Gunboats (Marina ground), 4 p.m.
2nd M.T.B. v. 5th A.A. "B" (Navy ground), 4 p.m.

The following games have been postponed due to Volunteer camp:—

R.E. v. C.B.A.
Recreio v. Nomads.
Destroyers v. Signals.

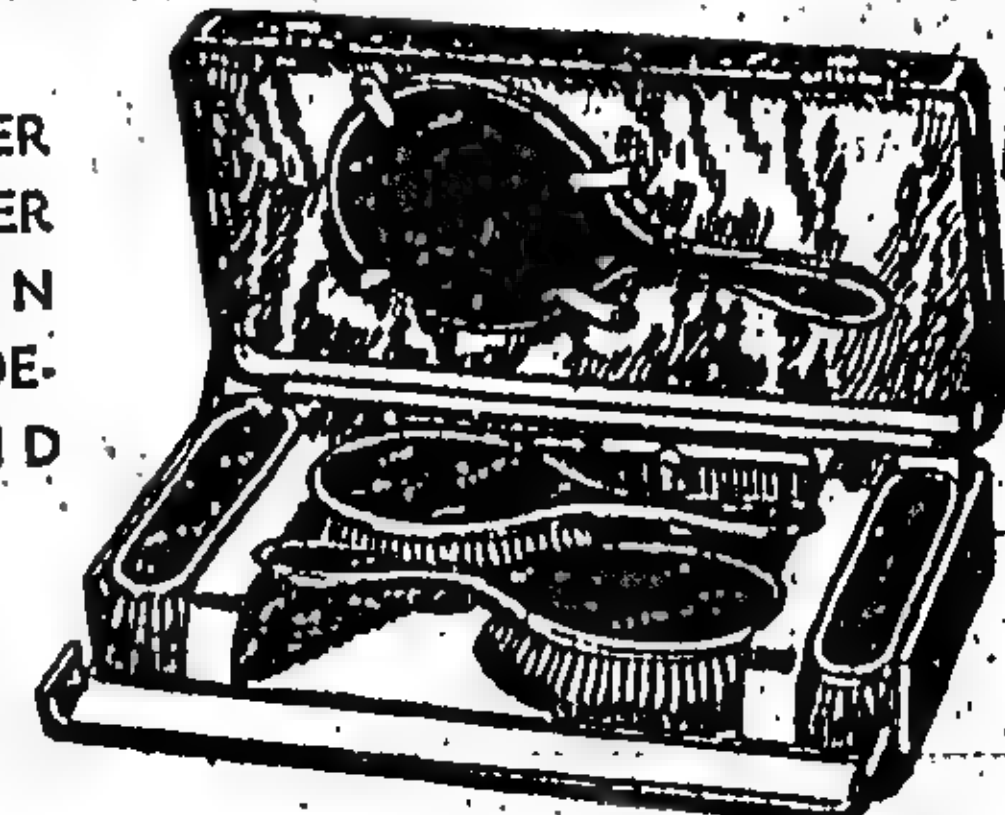
"Y" FIXTURES ANNOUNCED

The following European Y.M.C.A. activities are announced:—

Thursday (to-day)—Squash, 6 to 11 p.m.; Hockey, 3 and 4.30 p.m.; Swimming (water heated).
Friday—Badminton, 6 to 11 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 and 7 p.m.
Saturday—Hockey 4.30 p.m.; Swimming (water heated); Tennis.
Sunday—9 p.m. Discussion Group; Tennis; Swimming (water heated).
Monday—Women's War Work West Lounge 9 a.m. to 12 noon; Swimming (water heated) and Swimming Instruction.
Tuesday—American Tea, Women's Section West Lounge; Badminton 8 to 11 p.m.; Mixed Swimming 6 to 8 p.m. (water heated); Billiards Match, 7.30 to 11 p.m.
Wednesday—Women's War Work 9 to 12 noon, West Lounge; Swimming (water heated) and Swimming Instruction; Chess 6 to 11 p.m.

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Food Parcels

No Effect on British Ration Allowance

A question of importance to local residents who may wish to send gifts of foodstuffs to relatives in the United Kingdom, was raised by a correspondent yesterday. On the authority of the Ministry of Food, it may be stated that unsolicited gifts, whether they include rationed foods or not, may now be received in the United Kingdom from abroad by parcel post, provided they are addressed to individuals, and do not exceed 15 lbs. gross weight. No permit or licence is required, but the parcels should be marked as gifts, which will not affect the ration allowance of the recipient.

Messrs Lane, Crawford, Ltd., who have been sending such parcels for some time, yesterday stated that they have not received any information that parcels sent by them have in any way affected the ration allowances of recipients.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Island in Mediterranean

2—State of grain

3—Malicious lie

4—Lubricators

5—Joined

6—Promoting digestion

7—Donkey (French)

8—Ancient inhabitants of England and France

9—Indo-Chinese people

10—This wooden strip

11—King (French)

12—Road

13—Course markers to

14—Unrehearsed

15—Body (abbr.)

16—Weight (abbr.)

17—Tests are

18—Cause to lose

19—Formal dance

20—Magic spell (French)

21—Lovers (abbr.)

22—Clashes

23—Western Indian

24—Photo-engraving

25—Cravat

26—Trembling

27—Unwieldy

28—Learned man

29—Strainers

DOWN

1—Principally

2—Temper

3—Strutting of caprellids (cock)

4—Carpenter (South Africa)

5—Poisonous serpents

6—Ancient Egyptian

7—Turtles

8—High mountain

9—Chamber

10—Mendicant monks

11—Join lightly

12—Scotch cake

13—Behold

14—Zamphon chord

15—Causing death

16—Negative vote

17—Peasants

18—Dancers

19—Persian governor

20—Part of garment

21—Garments

22—Parade

23—Reasons for action

24—Thinks

25—Coarse grasses

26—Printer's measure

27—District

28—Cul

29—Deface

30—Tiny

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Donations to Charitable And Other Causes

GROWTH OF WAR FUND

Two large donations received yesterday brought the War Fund, inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., much nearer the million and a half dollar mark which is aimed at before Christmas. A letter which appeared in the Hongkong Telegraph, accompanying an anonymous donation of \$1,000 urged similar donations from others to make up the total sought. Within an hour of the Telegraph going out on the streets, a response came in from Mr and Mrs D. C. Edmondson, who sent \$1,000, being a second donation from them to the fund. Altogether, a total of \$1,400+30.00, and \$1 was received yesterday by the fund, with the following donations:

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Miss N. Chandler (2nd donation)	4
Chicago Club (sale of old tins, etc.)	1,000
Mr F. D. Angus (2nd donation)	80
Mr F. Hamblin (2nd donation)	20
Dr A. H. Barwell	20
Mr and Mrs D. C. Edmondson (2nd donation)	1,000
"Samanea"	\$1

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Sir,—As one recently arrived from England, I am able to set Diogenes' mind at rest. Rationing coupons are surrendered to your registered dealer in exchange for rationed goods purchased from him, only coupons for the current week being valid.

In despatching, I would suggest in order of preference, butter—tea—sugar.

K. W.

Rotary Club Function For War Charity

The Hongkong Rotary Club is holding a Dinner and Smoking Concert in the China Fleet Club Theatre on the evening of Friday, December 20, at 7.45 p.m. An attractive programme of music and variety has been arranged, and members and their guests are assured of a good evening's entertainment. It is hoped that a substantial sum

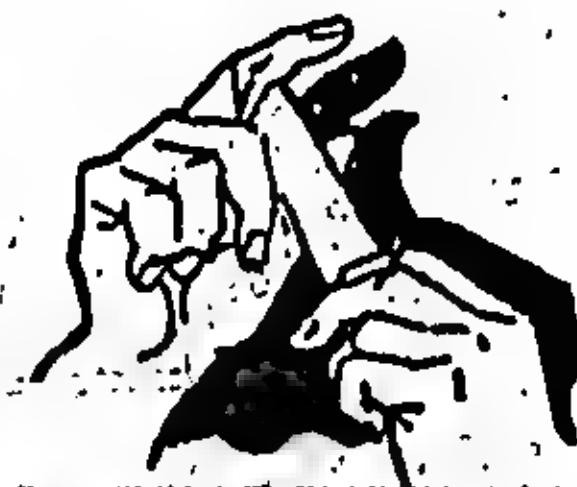
plus will be realised, which will be devoted to the fund for the provision of Mobile Ambulance and Canteens in Great Britain and in China.

The organisation of the Dinner and Concert is in the competent hands of Professor Walter Brown, Hongkong University, who will be grateful if members of the Rotary Club will attend the function in large numbers and bring numerous guests with them. He will also be glad to know at the earliest possible date the numbers to be accommodated.

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BRITISH CAPTURE SIDI BARRANI

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It adds that operations are continuing satisfactorily. Patrolling continues on the Sudan front, while on other fronts the situation is unchanged.

10 Aircraft Down

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The bombardment of all Italian aerodromes in the Libyan Desert continued throughout Tuesday. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed on the El-Bardia aerodrome during a particularly heavy raid last night. High explosive bombs set fire to several hangars while direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft, several of which exploded.

Fires were visible 60 miles away. In the Bardia-Sollum area, many bombs were dropped on motor transport concentrations, while the enemy camp of Sollum was also heavily bombed.

Fleet Air Arm

The Fleet Air Arm co-operated with the R.A.F. in attacking barracks at Bardia and the escarpment road at Sollum, while other aircraft bombed the landing ground.

One enemy aircraft on the ground at Gazala was destroyed, bringing the total to 10 in addition to an unknown number destroyed or badly damaged.

During these operations, which continued through 24 hours, one British aircraft failed to return.

How French Assisted

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—The part taken by the Free French forces in the Egyptian offensive in co-operation with British forces, is described in a communiqué from General de Gaulle's headquarters which states that advanced units of French troops had taken a number of prisoners and war material in the Sidi Barrani district.

The Free French leader adds that a battalion of marines has been especially mentioned in army quarters as having "at the frontier of Chad and Libya, completely occupied a zone of French territory," which should have been evacuated under the armistice terms.

Decisive Success

"REUTERS' MILITARY COMMENTATOR"

LONDON, Dec. 11.—News of the capture of Sidi Barrani suggests that British arms scored a decisive success which, if followed up resolutely and hardily, may have tremendous repercussions on the morale of the Italians and on the internal situation in Italy.

From the bare details at present available this would seem to be the moment to push ahead with the utmost vigour and determination with a view to pressing the advantage already gained and obtaining far-reaching benefits.

The problem of Libya is not a single problem. It cannot be divorced from the situation in Greece. They must be considered together for at all points the Italians must be given no respite and the utmost pressure must be maintained on every front in order to obtain decisive results.

Naval Co-Operation

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—Naval forces have been harassing the enemy retreating along the coast during the night of December 10 and 11, says a naval communiqué. They have also been bombarding enemy columns on the roads round Sollum.

Italy's Oil Line Is Directly Menaced

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ed Albanian oil as a vital constituent in her economic bloodstream. So fast was the development pushed that soon after annexation Italy was obtaining 15,000 tons of oil monthly, compared with only 1,500 tons five years earlier.

In the past 12 months there has been feverish activity in the Devoli Valley, presumably as a result of the locking of the Mediterranean by the Royal Navy which prevents Italian imports of oil from other parts of the world.

British Will Win Decisively By 1942

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to the submarines," Lord Lothian declared.

"He will have new 30,000 ton battleships, the Tirpitz and Bismarck and other vessels in the North Sea early next year to try and deal a knockout blow to our communications."

Grim Task

LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—Captain Hudson, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at the Empire Club today said: "The situation to-day is just as grim as when Lloyd George began his intensified food production campaign in 1917. The Navy's task now is doubly or trebly more difficult."

Shipping Losses

LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—In the House of Lords to-day, replying to Lord Strathclyde, who had drawn attention to the recent heavy shipping losses, Lord Templewood suggested that the continuous R.A.F. bombing of German U-boat bases had saved the convoys from possible destruction.

Admitting that the shipping losses since the downfall of France were most serious, Lord Templewood added: "We are confident that as our material resources increase, there is no doubt that the Royal Navy and air force are able to counter and effectively defeat the serious menace to our sea-borne trade."

He emphasized that the seriousness of shipping losses should not be exaggerated and deplored the loose comparisons at the present time with those early in 1917 without reference to the actual sea-lanes.

He said: "In only one month during the last six months has the monthly total of losses exceeded the

average figure over the whole twelve months of 1917. The figure for November shows a decided drop over the previous three months and is over 100,000 tons lower than the figure for October."

ARTILLERY DUEL NEAR TEPELINI

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maintaining their positions despite all attacks. Along the Lake Ochrid coast the Greeks have advanced slightly despite rain and rain.

R.A.F. Bomb Valona

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Dec. 11 (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communiqué says: "R.A.F. bombers again raided Valona yesterday. A ship in the harbour was hit and other bombs fell among buildings, a munition dump, and a motor transport park. From all these operations, our aircraft returned safely."

Advance Continues

ATHENS, Dec. 11 (Reuters).—"The Greek army continues to advance according to plan," says the Athens radio. "In unending rain and snow it is pursuing the enemy."

"The left flank of the enemy is retreating to the heights of Khamarni and all his attempts to resist have failed. Further north the enemy is unable to hold the position he is defending stubbornly and he is retreating here also."

In the region of Premeti our troops are advancing further into the interior of Albania and have taken heights of great strategic value. Still further north the Italians have been driven from strongly fortified heights which are so valuable that they tried to re-take the positions, but have suffered most severe losses.

The Greeks are giving the Italian no breathing space to build a new fortified line.

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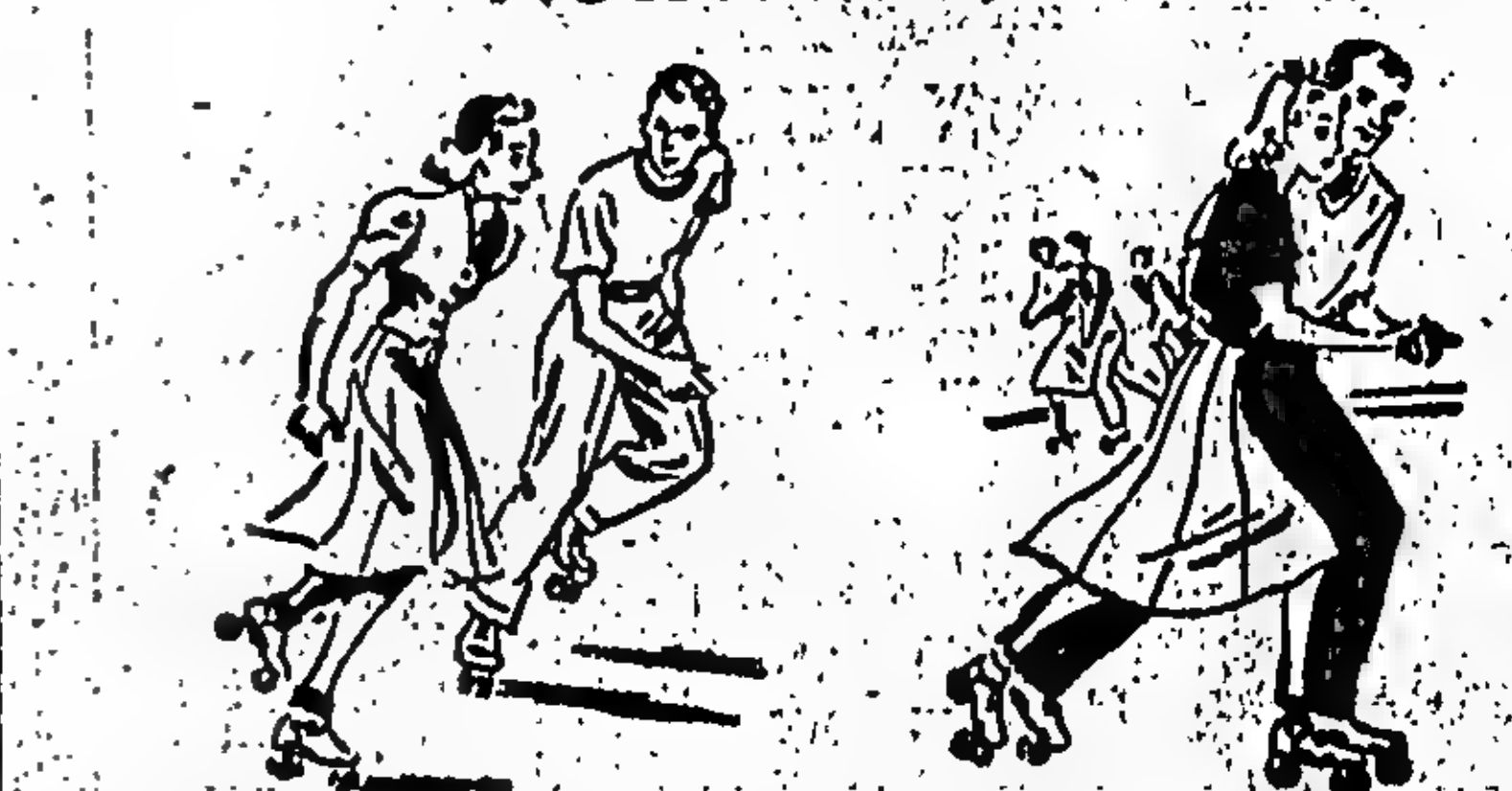
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BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURE SIDI BARRANI CLAIMS CAIRO REPORT

Three Italian Generals And Many Thousands Of Soldiers Taken Prisoner

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, DEC. 11 (UP).—IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT BRITISH TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED THE IMPORTANT SEA TOWN OF SIDI BARRANI.

MANY PRISONERS WERE TAKEN DURING THE ACTION, INCLUDING THREE ITALIAN GENERALS.

IT IS REPORTED THAT AT LEAST 10,000 ITALIAN AND LIBYAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED IN THE WESTERN DESERT TO DATE.

British General Headquarters, in a communique to-day declared: "The advanced elements of our mechanised forces are now operating westward and considerable additional captures have been made."

ROME ADMITS BRITISH SUCCESSES

A Rome communique admits the British successes. It says: "After bloody fighting, Italy's Libyan vanguard southeast of Sidi Barrani was withdrawn to Sidi Barrani. General Maletti, the Italian military chief was killed while leading Libyan battalions."

"British armoured divisions at dawn on Monday attacked the Italian lines southeast of Sidi Barrani which were held by Libyan troops. Exceptionally fierce fighting is still continuing in the Sidi Barrani sector. A Blackshirt Division on December 3 and a Libyan Division faced the British attacks causing considerable losses to the British."

Italy's Oil Line Is Directly Menaced

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—An important source of Italian oil supplies is menaced by the Greek push in north Albania directed towards the Skumbi river valley.

The Devoli River region is threatened; from here comes at least half of Italy's peacetime oil requirements. Though this proportion is reduced owing to war time consumption, the importance of the area is increased by Italy's geographical position and her susceptibility to blockade.

Typhoon's Toll Sixty Dead In The Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Dec. 12 (UP).—The "Manila Bulletin" reveals that the Governor of Albay Province has reported to the Department of Interior that 60 persons were killed, 100 injured and several missing in the Catanduanes Islands as a result of the typhoon last Friday.

The Governor has asked for 100,000 pesos for relief of the victims.

The "Bulletin" said that the damage to crops and public works at Catanduanes is believed to be several hundred thousands of pesos.

Captured Air Marshal Replaced

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Air Marshal A. W. Tedder (well known in Hongkong) has arrived and has commenced duties as Deputy to the Air Officer Commanding the R.A.F. in the Middle East, it was disclosed to-day. This was the post Air Marshal Boyd was en route to take when he was captured by the Italians after a forced landing in Sicily in November.

Tangier Sheltering Italian Submarines

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The British Government's watchfulness on the situation at Tangier where the Spanish authorities have taken over the administration, was again made apparent in answers to questions in the House of Commons to-day.

The Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr R. A. Butler, stated that the two Italian submarines which arrived in Tangier some weeks ago are not yet in a seaworthy state and the Spanish Government has given them a further period to complete repairs. In the meantime, the British Air

Superior Preparation Of British Army

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The British bound across the roadless track of the scrub-covered desert has already justified the foresight of British army authorities who for nearly a decade worked on the adaptation of motor transport for desert warfare. The story starts in 1931 when a medley of different types of vehicles were tried out for over 5,000 miles over all kinds of terrain in North Africa. The experience gained then and since has proved of immense value to the Army in Egypt.

Compared with the campaign in Albania, distances in Egypt are enormous. Taking into account both Libya and Italian East Africa, the front extends 3,500 miles, or longer than the Canadian-American frontier. Present operations from the viewpoint of the mechanised army are most timely as the sand is much harder now than at any other time of the year.

WAR AIMS BEING CONSIDERED Churchill To Speak Soon

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Statements regarding impending British announcements of war aims are premature. For some time past the Cabinet has been giving a provisional examination to the principles which might guide a general settlement. It is intended that when Government has brought these discussions to a more definite stage, Dominion and Allied Governments shall be consulted.

SYRIA UNEASY Sympathy For de-Gaulle

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—While Italian Bersagliere troops are policing the Palestine-Syrian frontier, the steady extension of the Free French Movement and the increased feeling against the Vichy Government are evident throughout Syria.

General de Gaulle's appeal for co-operation is reported to be finding wide-spread sympathy despite severe censorship, but it is understood that lack of strong leadership within Syria to marshal this anti-Vichy feeling is seriously felt. The arrest of Free French sympathisers continues and supporters of the movement are being replaced by Vichy supporters.

Newspaper Offends Defence Regulations

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The first prosecution of a newspaper under the Defence Regulations, resulted in the Managing Editor and the publisher of "Reynolds's News" being fined £30 each and instructed to pay £10 each for costs. The allegation was that the newspaper published matter which might have been useful to the enemy. An article concerning the defence of certain parts of the Empire was published fully in some editions of the newspaper ignoring the deletions made by the official censor.

China's Northwest Road Kept Busy

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Traffic over the north-western highway between China and Soviet Russia has greatly increased during recent weeks, almost doubling the amount of traffic two months ago, according to the "Ta Kung Pao" quoting China communications quarters.

BULGARS ON SPOT Reds To Oppose Nazi Wishes

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—If Bulgaria grants free passage to German troops going to Greece, the Soviet Union would occupy the Bulgarian seaports of Burgas and Varna, the Secretary-General of the Soviet Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, M. Soboleff, told King Boris during a recent visit to Sofia, writes the Istanbul Correspondent of the "Free French" agency.

King Boris confirmed to M. Soboleff that Hitler had asked Bulgaria to adhere to the Tripartite pact, but the King had avoided a direct reply, asking Bulgarian adhesion depended on the adhesion of the Soviet Union. German propaganda, says the correspondent, was immediately distributed in numerous pamphlets, the aim of which was to compromise the Soviet Union.

The Bulgarian Police established that the pamphlets originated from the propaganda section of the German Legation.

British Will Win Decisively By 1942 Says Envoy To Washington

Special to the "Telegraph"

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11 (UP).—The British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, in a speech here to-night declared that Britain had won the second round of the 1940 battle, but 1941 is "going to be a dangerous year."

"We are undismayed. With help from you, we are confident that we can win, and win decisively in 1942, possibly earlier," he said.

He said that Italy was "already beginning to crack, with the heroic Greeks striking a mortal blow to the prestige of Mussolini."

Lord Lothian's speech was read by Mr N. M. Butler, Counsellor of the British Embassy on behalf of the Ambassador, who asserted that the great aerial battles over Britain in September frustrated the German invasion attempts, thereby dispelling the grim outlook following the German victories in Norway and France.

He said: "Without a conquest of Britain, Hitler cannot win the war. We have no illusions about 1941. We are suffering on the average of over 200 civilian deaths and 300 civilians mutilated in every fight and enemy TURN to Back Page, Column 3

DESPERATE ITALIAN DEFENCE Violent Fighting In Albania

"REUTERS' CORRESPONDENT ON YUGO-SLAV-ALBANIAN FRONTIER"
LONDON, Dec. 11.—Violent fighting continued to-day in the Tevell sector where the Italians, who have been reinforced, are making desperate efforts to prevent the Greeks from descending into the river valley.

In the Skumbi valley which leads to El Bassan, the Greeks have advanced to positions in front of Vrepka.

Desperate Italian counter-attacks to hold up Greek progress have failed.

North of Pogradec, where fierce fighting is in progress, the Greeks are maintaining their positions despite all attacks. Along the Lake Ochrid coast the Greeks have advanced slightly despite snow and rain.

R.A.F. Bomb Valona

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ATHENS, Dec. 11 (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communique says: "R.A.F. bombers again raided Valona yesterday. A ship in the harbour was hit and other bombs fell among buildings, a munition dump, and a motor transport park. From all these operations, our aircraft returned safely."

Japan's War Purchases

150 Different Materials

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP).—There are now over 150 strategic war materials which Japan buys from day to day. They include 10 basic chemicals; 13 basic metals and ores; 18 basic manufacturing materials and alloys; motor fuel and lubricating oil; 82 types and kinds of machine tools; 18 types of explosives; 21 types of poison gases; 21 types and kinds of fire control instruments.

All types of arms, ammunition and implements of war; all plans, drawings and designs for motors, also planes and parts, tanks, guns and other war equipment and refining or oil cracking plants.

Paradox of British Exchequer Returns

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—British exchequer returns for the last week, up to December 7, reveal an apparent paradox.

The whole total ordinary expenditure rose to the record high level of \$110 millions but the expenditure of supply services (largely for war necessities) was nearly \$10 millions below the previous week at \$20.5 millions. The high record for total expenditure was, therefore, due to the fact that at the beginning of December the usual disbursements of interest on stocks amounting to a large sum were made. The total ordinary revenue of Britain improved by over \$10 millions last week to nearly \$22 millions, but the deficit for the week increased to \$28.8 millions.

LATEST

How Town Was Recaptured

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The success of the British around Sidi Barrani was the outcome of well-planned strategy.

British armoured forces first attacked the enemy's right flank and then forced their way to the rear while a fierce British frontal attack was launched against enemy positions at Maktila, 15 miles east of Sidi Barrani. This frontal attack was completely successful.

On finding themselves cut off from the rear the Italians became disorganised when attacked from all sides.

The capture of Sidi Barrani was announced at public places of entertainment throughout Cairo and was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm, the Egyptians raising cheers for England.

The press features the news on their front pages. The newspaper "El Ahras" uses for a headline a verse from the Koran, "Our possession is returned to us."

"Truly magnificent," was how a high Egyptian Government official described the recapture of Sidi Barrani to "Reuter."

He said that the news would cause a sensation throughout Egypt. "This amazing Italian defeat removes any possible doubt concerning the safety of Egypt."

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
3	100	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 100	as per sale plan.	About 110	\$54	\$84

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
1	100	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 100	as per sale plan.	About 400	\$54	\$84

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 The Western Brothers in Variety.

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Songs by Nina Vallia (Soprano).

6.45 Alfred Cortot at the Piano.

7 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

8.05 A Light Orchestral Concert with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

8.15 Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra continued.

8.30 Local Time Signal Weather Report and Announcements.

8.35 A Light Orchestral Concert with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

The Nuremberg Doll—Overture (Adom).

Grand Symphony Orchestra; Variations (Proch).

Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra; Les Fleurs—Waltz (Joost).

Woodland Whispers—Waltz (Joost).

Orchestra Mascotte; La Villanelle (Doll Acqui).

Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra; Le Plus Joli Reve (Arezzo); Evening Bell (Vincenzo Billi).

Edith Lorna; and Her Viennese Orchestra; Thousand and One Nights—Waltz (Strauss).

Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra; A Fairy Ballet (White); Raindrops—Pizzicati for Strings (T. De La Riviere); Bourne-mouth Municipal Orchestra; Bal Masque—Valse (Fletcher); Mantovani and His Orchestra—Local Newsletter.

8.45 Radio—Local Newsletter.

9 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Brahms—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2. Lerner String Quartet.

10 Schubert—The Shepherd on the Rock sang by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

10.10 Schubert—Symphony No. 9 In C Major. London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

11 Close down.

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BRITISH CREDIT

Soong Expected To Visit London

London, Dec. 10. Regarding the new British £10,000,000 loan to China, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day replied to Mr. Mander, who had called attention to the recent United States aid to China. Mr. Butler said, "It is, of course, necessary that His Majesty's Government conserve its gold and dollar assets for essential war needs in the Sterling area, and they cannot offer China United States dollars or Sterling which could be converted into United States dollars."

"Provided, however, suitable arrangement can be made to ensure that the Sterling held in China is available only for use in the Sterling area, His Majesty's Government is prepared in principle to make an advance of five million pounds to the Chinese stabilisation fund, and, with the concurrence of the Dominion Governments concerned, to grant credits which will be available for purchases in any part of the Sterling area within a maximum of a further five million pounds."

"This has been communicated to the Chinese Government with the request that they will make arrangements for early negotiations of a preliminary technical agreement whereon the possibility of these further Sterling credits depends."

Following Mr. Butler's announcement it was reliably learned that Mr. T. V. Soong will probably come to London to conduct the technical negotiations. It is understood that Chungking intends to employ part of the British credits for the purchase of iron and steel in India and will possibly seek Canadian nickel and Rhodesian copper. Dutch circles here suggest that the Netherlands East Indies may supply China with oil and rubber.—United Press.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The improvements noted yesterday were continued during the short session, which witnessed an encouraging turnover. The market closed firm.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,555
Bank of East Asia \$74
Wharves \$92
Docks (old) \$17.75
Docks (new) \$17.25
The Providents \$5.50
Hotels \$3.40
Lands \$33.50
Humphreys \$7.00
Realities \$3.80
Star Ferries \$59.50
Electricity (old) \$40
Electricity (new) \$39.50
Sandakan Lights \$11.20
Telephones (old) \$25.50
Telephones (new) \$10.25
Dairy Farms \$18.75
Watsons \$10.50
Entertainments \$7

Sellers

Cements \$18.75
Ropes \$7.10
H.K. Banks \$1,300/65
Docks (old) \$18
Providents \$59/50
Humphreys \$7.75
Electricity (old) \$40
Ropes \$8
Dairy Farms \$19
Watsons \$10.50/60

JUNK ON ROCKS

A large trading junk carrying a cargo of livestock was driven on the rocks near Green Island about 7 p.m. last night.

A launch went to the junk's assistance, and helped by taking off some of the livestock. Police launches are standing by to give assistance.

Beaverbrook thanks you!

A cable from Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, to the South China Morning Post, states:

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INWARD MAILS

Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore: Dec. 13. Canton Dec. 12. Java and Manila Dec. 12. Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 1st and 4th December Dec. 14. Swatow Dec. 14. U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 22nd November) Dec. 16. Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 27th November) Dec. 16. U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 18th November) Dec. 16. London and Straits Dec. 17. Calcutta and Straits Dec. 17. Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 11th December Dec. 18. Sandakan Dec. 21. Australia and Manila Dec. 21. U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd Dec.) Dec. 20. U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 6th December) Dec. 20. Calcutta and Straits Dec. 27. Sandakan Dec. 29.

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Thursday, Dec. 12

Straits and Calcutta 10.30 a.m.

Letters 11.30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 13

Canton 7.15 a.m.

Rangoon 8.30 a.m.

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" K.F.O.

Reg. Dec. 13, 4 p.m.

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Monday, Dec. 16

Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" K.F.O.

Reg. Dec. 17, 2 p.m.

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G.F.O. Dec. 17, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service" K.F.O.

Reg. Dec. 18, 5 p.m.

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Ord. Dec. 18, 5.30 p.m.

G.F.O. Dec. 18, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19

Canton 7.15 a.m.

Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" K.F.O.

Reg. Dec. 19, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. Dec. 19, 5.30 p.m.

G.F.O. Dec. 19, 5.00 p.m.

Reg. Dec. 20, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. Dec. 20, 5.30 p.m.

G.F.O. Dec. 20, 5.00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 20

Straits and Calcutta 8.30 a.m.

Parcel Dec. 20, 5 p.m.

Ord. Dec. 21, 8.30 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and United Kingdom via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only) Note—All mails for United Kingdom will be forwarded with or without Superimposition

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Ord. Dec. 23, 10 a.m.

G.F.O. Dec. 23, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 26

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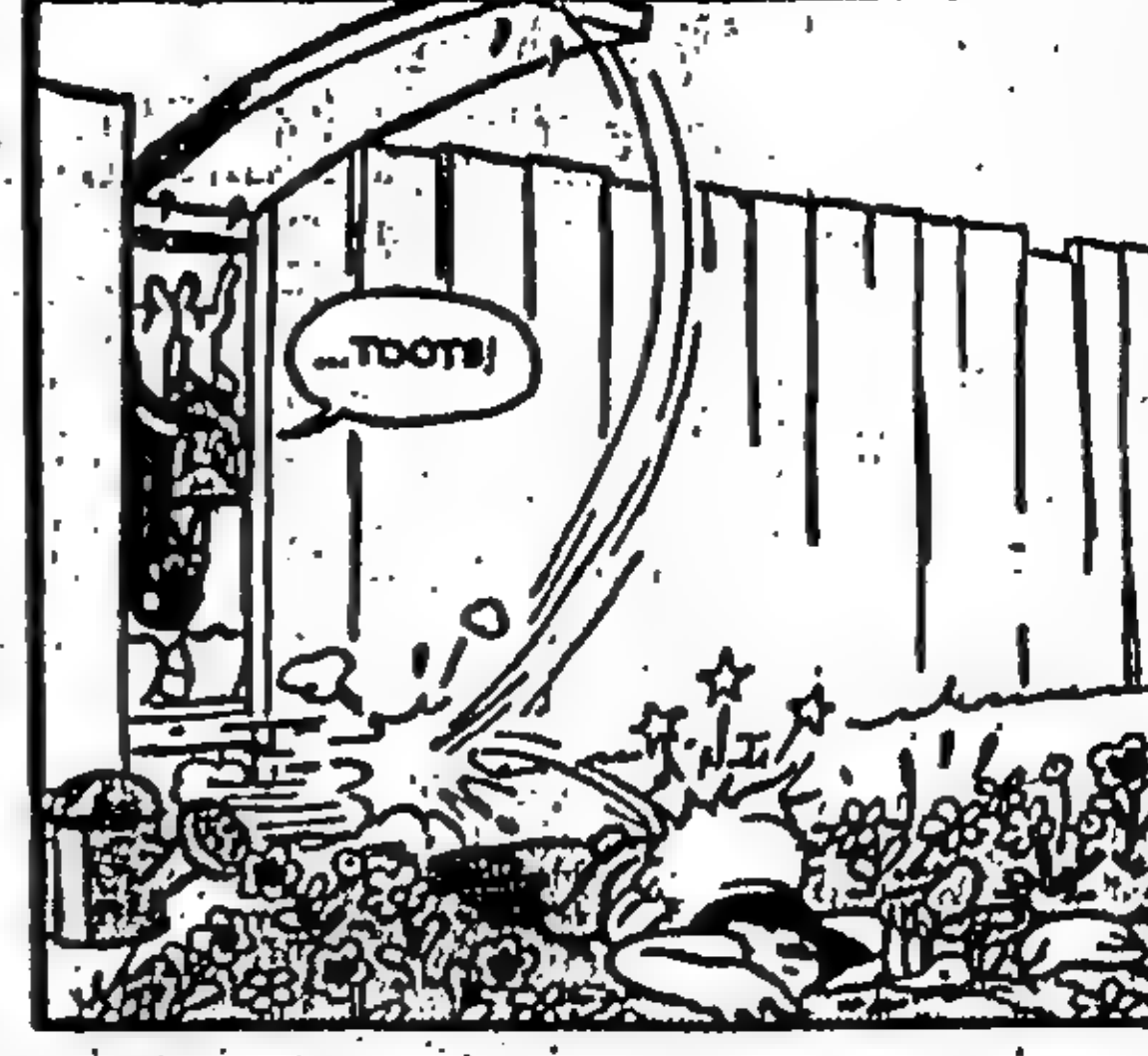
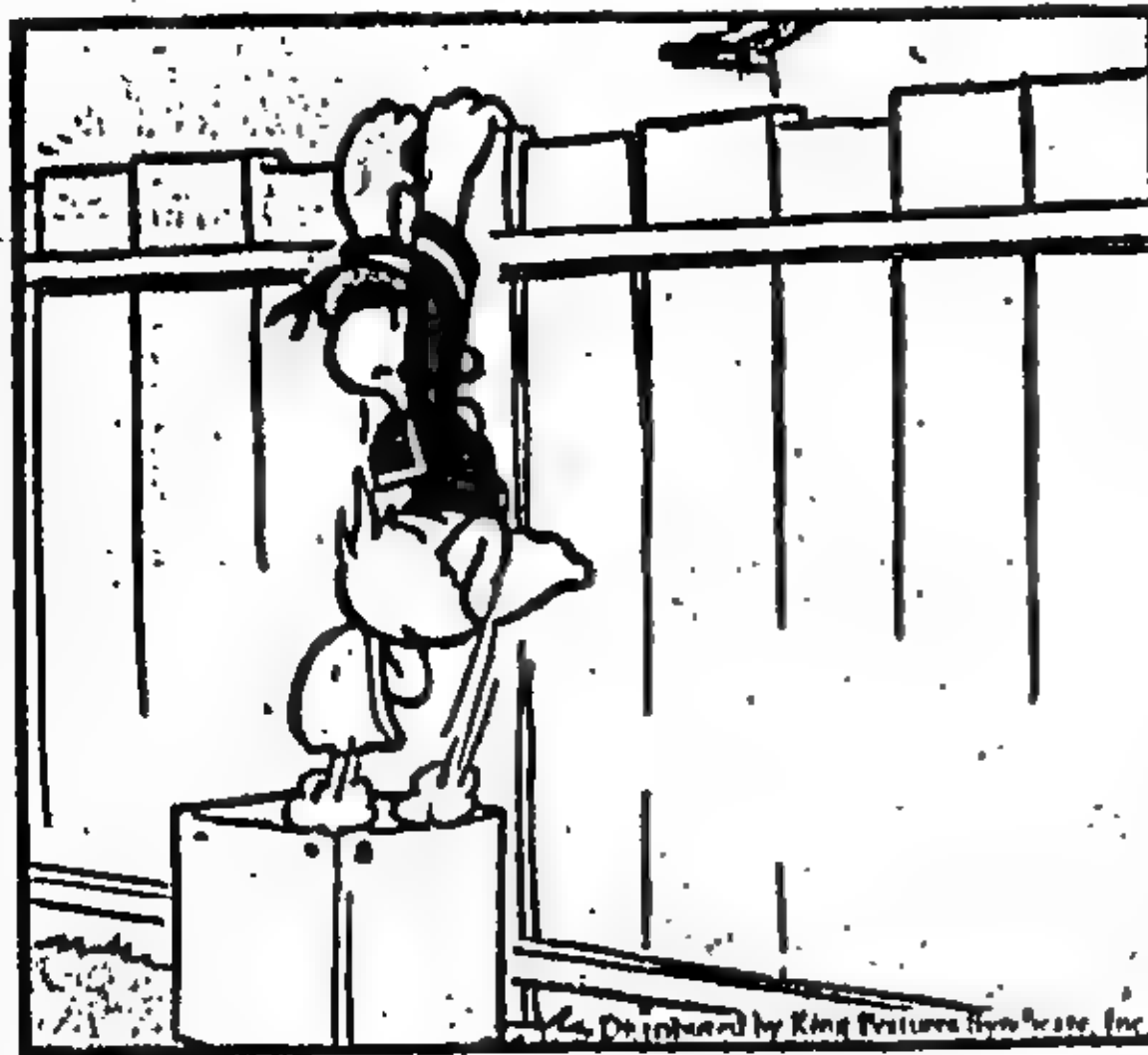
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await Elizabeth's return from a walk. If the meeting was unexpected, it left Elizabeth unmoved. A heavy silence fell upon them as he stood before her, trying to find the words which would penetrate her hostility. He threw preamble to the winds. "Elizabeth!" he cried suddenly. "These weeks since I left Netherfield have been arid. Meaningless days and nights. I thought I could put you out of my mind. But it's no use. I can struggle against you no longer. I can only remember that I love you."

"Mr. Darcy!" She stared at him in consternation. "Do you know what you are saying?"

"Yes, my darling," he answered joyously, "I'm asking you to marry me."

She rose from her chair in anger. "Do you think anything

RESUME

Since marriage is a girl's only career in the 1800's, Mrs. Bennet, mother of five marriageable daughters—Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, Lydia and Kitty—campaigns like a general to capture two rich London bachelors, Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley, for her two elder girls. Jane and Bingley fall in love at first sight; but Darcy's arrogant pride in his family and rank prejudices Elizabeth against him, despite the fact that both are warmly drawn to each other. Mrs. Bennet is vulgar, scheming; Mary is a pretentious bore; Lydia and Kitty are boisterous; Mr. Bennet, who has married beneath him, is overshadowed by them all. Elizabeth is further incensed when Darcy snubs Mr. Wickham, the son of his late steward. Bingley's sister Caroline appeals to Darcy to help her break up her brother's growing attachment to Jane. Since Darcy believes he has won the battle of his own dislike of her family over his honest love for Elizabeth, he promises Caroline to do the same for Bingley.

Chapter Four

AN OFFER OF MARRIAGE

Darcy pursued his purpose so cleverly, that without more order, Charles Bingley closed up Netherfield Park and departed from Meryton to London without farewell.

Elizabeth tried to console her crushed and stunned sister. "Jane!" she cried. "I'm sure Caroline and Darcy are at the bottom of this. Since they won't let Charles stay here, you shall go to him in London. You'll visit our Aunt Gardiner."

Elizabeth quickly formulated her plan. Aunt Gardiner was a lady of position and wealth. The Bingleys could not help but encounter Jane at her Aunt's house. Seeing Jane in this atmosphere would completely re-awaken Charles' ardour.

Elizabeth accompanied Jane to London, and having seen her safely to their Aunt's, set out to pay a long deferred visit to her dear friend Charlotte, who had, in the interim, married Mr. Bennet's cousin, Mr. Collins.

Rather than face spinsterhood, Charlotte had wedded Collins. But never was a man more insufferable or less suited to an intelligent, charming and spirited wife. His fawning obsequiousness to his patroness, Lady de Brough, his pompous attitude in his own home, his staggering stupidity made him odious to Elizabeth, even if he was her own cousin.

Elizabeth determined anew that she'd die a spinster before she'd marry any man but a man she loved. In her heart, she knew that man was Darcy. If only his arrogant pride had not evoked her unbridled prejudice against him!

Her opinion of Darcy prepared her for Lady de Brough, who was his aunt. Her Ladyship, with insinuating condescension, doted out a dinner invitation to Collins and Charlotte, and their guest, Elizabeth, aptly concluding that rudeness and snobbery were a family trait, welcomed the opportunity to cross verbal swords with Lady de Brough and thus, in a manner, settle the score with Darcy.

The opportunity was completely deprived her.

Elizabeth entered the de Brough home, to find Darcy among the guests. "Mr. Darcy!" Her voice trembled with surprise and pleasure, despite herself.

He bowed and kissed her hand. "A happy meeting, Miss Elizabeth," he greeted gently.

His burning eyes betrayed that he was as much moved as she by this unexpected encounter. He collected himself sufficiently to present his cousin, Colonel Fitzwilliam.

"Well, Darcy," smiled the latter. "Now I know what kept you in Meryton all summer."

The picture of Darcy's rudeness and snobbery during his stay at Meryton, flashed through Elizabeth's mind. "You also know what drove him out again," she said coolly. "He liked the landscape well enough—but the natives, Colonel Fitzwilliam! The natives! What bores and savages. Utterly insupportable! Isn't that so, Mr. Darcy?"

"If you think so," he answered slowly.

His ironic smile faded and her glance fell before the quiet unhappiness in his eyes.

"Throughout dinner and for the remainder of the evening, Elizabeth fought a losing battle against Darcy's charm."

The next day, Fitzwilliam called upon Elizabeth. Their conversation returned time and again to Darcy. Despite herself, she voiced her scorn for his pride and self-interest.

"You're unfair to Darcy," Fitzwilliam protested. "He is really a man of warm impulses and deeply loyal and affectionate to his friends."

Elizabeth smiled wryly. It needed every effort for her to forget the charming Darcy she had encountered the night before and to remember the man she knew too well—the Darcy who judged her by her mother and sisters—the Darcy who snubbed Mr. Wickham, Lydia's friend, because Wickham was the son of a steward, and as such was beneath Darcy's courtesy.

"I can prove how loyal he is to his friends," Fitzwilliam continued. "Permit me to tell you of a young man whom Darcy recently saved from making a very serious matrimonial mistake."

In all innocence, Fitzwilliam told of Darcy's friendship for Bingley as expressed by his success in separating Charles from Jane—a "girl," he concluded, "whose family was common, vulgar and without breeding."

Elizabeth heard him through. She somehow managed to disguise him without revealing the fact that the girl in question was her own sister. The story was, for her, the last proof she needed against Darcy.

Darcy, remembering only the warmth and delight of their encounter at Lady de Brough's, was bewildered and hurt by her constant refusal to see him. The last day of her visit, Charlotte came to his rescue and suggested he

could induce me to accept the man who has deliberately destroyed my sister's happiness? The sweetest soul who ever lived? Her voice broke, and she struggled to control her tears. "How could you hurt her so?"

"I did contrive to separate Charles Bingley from your sister," he answered slowly. "But I ask you to take my word that I honestly thought her indifferent."

"That was not your reason for separating them," she accused. "You have other reasons, Mr. Darcy. We're not well off; we have an uncle in trade; and an aunt who is married to a country attorney."

"That's why you didn't want Mr. Bingley to marry Jane."

"Toward him, it would seem, I have been kinder than toward myself," he replied, his own anger rising. "Am I supposed to be glad that your family is inferior to mine? Do you expect me to rejoice over the lack of propriety that your younger sisters have shown?"

"Mr. Darcy!" she cried warningly, but he rushed on:

"I make no apologies for what I have said, Elizabeth. It's the truth. If I had wanted to flatter you, I should have pretended that no doubts ever crossed my mind. But I esteem you too highly for flattery. I have told you frankly the obstacles I have had to overcome."

"And now," she interrupted furiously, "I suppose nothing remains but for me to congratulate you on winning the battle between your inclinations and my own unworthiness! It seems a pity you couldn't have shown some of the same spirit in your treatment of poor Mr. Wickham."

At the mention of Wickham's name, Darcy paled. "Where Wickham is concerned, I choose to remain silent," he answered.

"In other words—you don't dare to speak!"

He started at her incredulously. "You are ready to take Wickham's word against mine? That's your opinion of me?"

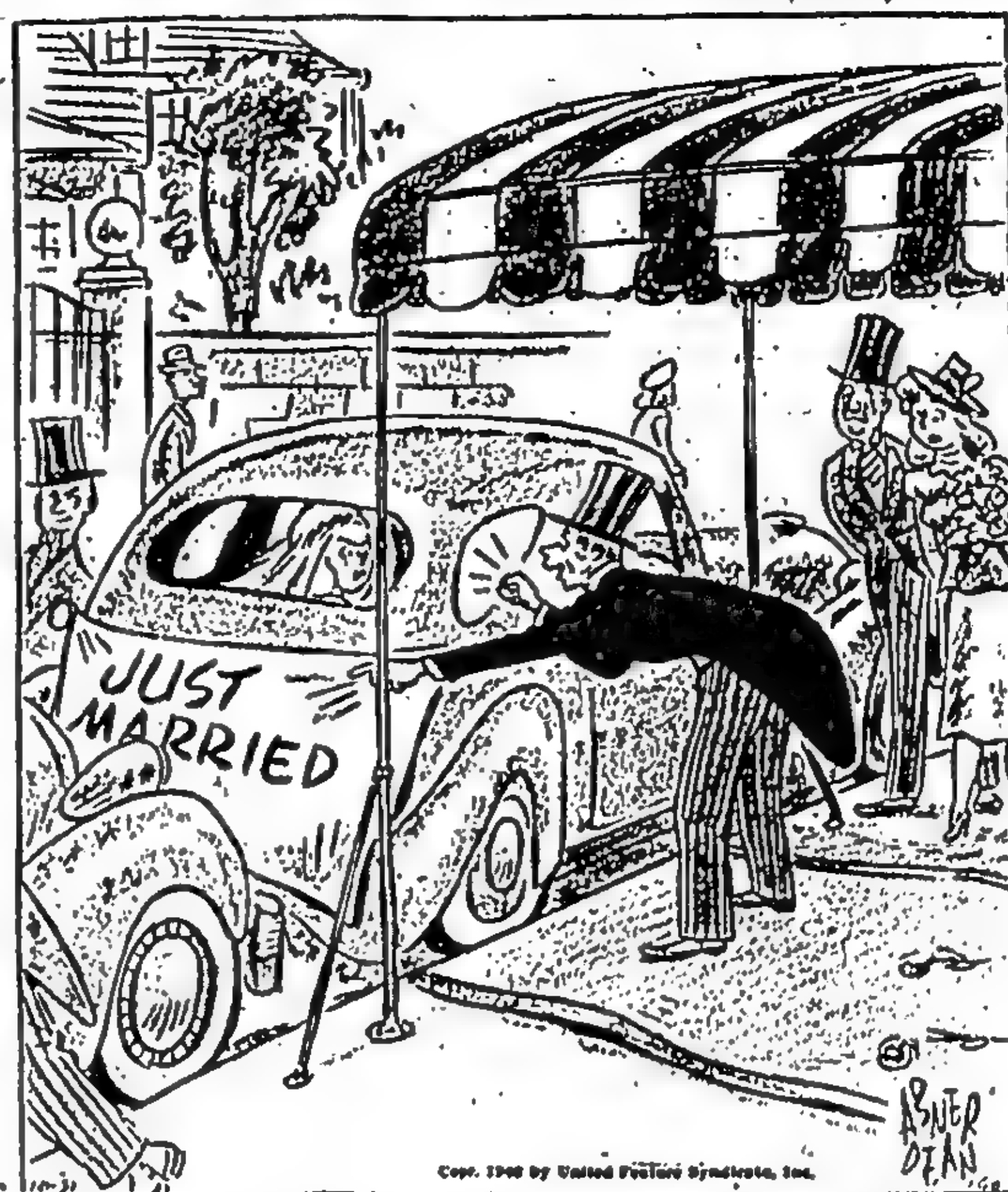
"Let us end this distasteful subject," she retorted, your selfish disregard of other people's feelings have made me dislike you from the first. I hadn't known you a week before I felt you were the last man in the world I could ever be prevailed upon to marry."

Darcy drew back. "You have said quite enough, Madame," he replied coldly. "I understand your feelings and have now only to be ashamed of what my own have been."

With a curt bow, he left her. Elizabeth watched him go; her

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"I'll see you later, dear! I'm going back and ride with some of the boys!"

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

First of an occasional series of short extracts from the diary of a journalist who recently joined a Guards regiment.

THEY dress a soldier in webbing so that they can hang packs on him, with the weight evenly distributed. I have about fourteen pieces of webbing, with brass fittings.

It looks easy. You just buckle the pieces together, slip it on, hook yourself up, and march away.

Yet I was struggling like a hand-cuff king; blue in the face, drenched in perspiration, grimacing with rage. After forty-five minutes I got it assembled the wrong way round—and then when I picked it up it fell apart.

Somebody said: "What's the trouble? Haven't you seen it done?" I replied: "Seen it done? Yes. And I've seen Jasper Maskelyne sawing a lady in halves. The point is, how?"

"Look." He was an old soldier, relatively speaking: 30 years old and strong as a buffalo.

Learning His Trade

Ten years in the Army had brought out peculiar, unheard-of muscles on his arms, which were heavily tattooed with snakes, lions, anchors, hearts, crosses, and an inscription: "Joe loves Jane."

"How long have you been here?" he asked.

"Three days."

"Well, you'll get into it."

"Do you like it in the Army?"

He nodded. "Been in it years and years, son. How d'you think you'll like it?"

I said: "I don't know. There seems to be so much to do."

"Too much to do? Why, it's nothing—nothing at all. What is there to do? Maybe you'll get a few fatigues—a bit of scrubbing, or spud-peeling. That's extra. But apart from that it's simple."

"You get up at six and make up your bed, and wash and shave, and sweep your floor, and clean up your utensils, and tidy the place."

"Then you have breakfast, and sweep the floor again and go on parade."

"Well! There's only three hours of parades before dinner, and after dinner your time's your own till half-past one."

"Then there's only two more hours of parades till four o'clock, usually."

whole being shaken with rage at his pride, and the hurt of the love she had denied.

Boots And Brass

"At four you go on shining parade. These boots have got to shine till you can see your face in 'em, and so must every bit of brass."

"It really needs a month or so of work before you get your boots really bright. After that it's child's play."

"Your brasses have got to be done every night. Otherwise, God help you."

"And your webbing's got to be dug out so that you could eat your dinner off it."

"And that reminds me—after dinner you make your bed down. Your trousers have to be creased so you can cut your finger on 'em. So you put 'em under the mattress at night."

"I daresay you find the bed hard. It isn't really; it's made of soft wood, and being on treatises it's springy—not like a floor. More comfortable than feathers."

"You scrub your bed-boards white as snow every week, don't forget, and the kit ought to be scrubbed out every Saturday—and the windows cleaned, and everything made tidy."

"Then you want to see everything's nicely pressed and washed for your kit inspections—and don't let anybody see you going about dusty, or with dirty hands."

"Much to do? Why you get it all over and done with by eight or nine o'clock. That gives you till 9.30 to play about, or read books, or write letters."

Getting It Right

"And Sunday's free all day. You'll get leave in time, but don't worry about that. You get used to it; and anyway, leave doesn't last for ever. You soon get back."

"Well," I said, "thanks, pal."

"Another thing," he said, raising. "You address a corporal as 'Corporal' and a sergeant as 'Sergeant'."

"I hear the N.C.O.s are pretty tough around here," I said.

"Not if you behave yourself."

"I suppose you'll get to be an N.C.O. one of these days, George."

"I," he said, "am your Superintendent Sergeant, and when you address me don't stand there like a weak-kneed lamb, you say, you, but take that cigarette out of your mouth and wipe that grin off your face and stand to attention!"

"Yes, Sergeant," I said.

"That's right," he nodded, and "it of the hut."

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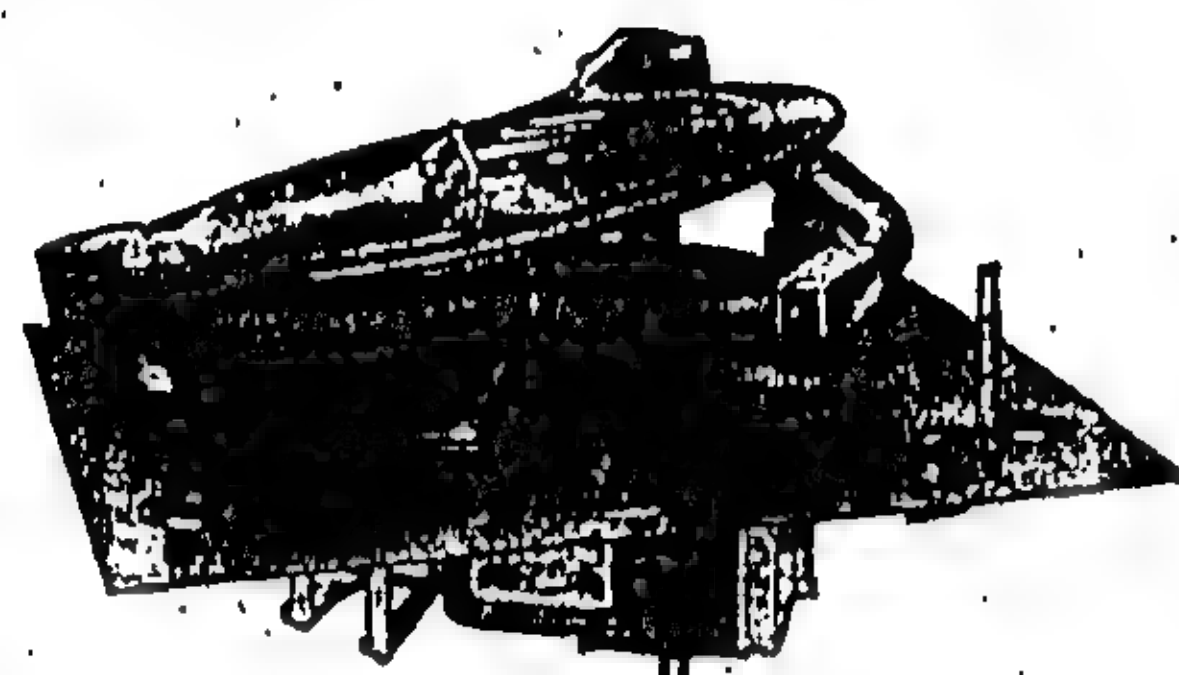
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ON HER METTLE

THE speeches of President Roosevelt are in these days not less an inspiration than those of the British Prime Minister, and again like Mr. Churchill's, a source of discontent and confusion to the enemy. When Germany, Italy, and Japan, in despicable cabal, concluded their latest pact, no one in this country had any doubt what the response of the American Government and people would be to that challenge.

The United States will not be deflected from its companion purposes of sending all possible help to Great Britain and defending the Americas, and their rights in the Atlantic and the Pacific, against all aggression. If anything were needed further to strengthen American resolve, it is provided in the triple Axis Powers' attempt at intimidation.

The British people, resolute and confident, will find cause for special pride in the President's recent references to the successful struggle which this democracy is making against the tyrants who seek to lay West and East alike under fee. The resources of the British Commonwealth are vast. Added to those of the United States, they will in course of time be overwhelming. For America the die is cast. She may continue to stop short of actual war—though many of her people think that such abstention cannot be prolonged indefinitely; the tide of events is moving fast and strong. But, whether American policy be beligerency or non-beligerency, there can be no doubt that the country's war potential will be increasingly at the service of the British peoples and their Allies; for the battle they fight is America's battle as well.

The most case-hardened isolationist has now fully awakened to the reality of the menace which stretches, or would stretch, westward across the Atlantic. However subtle may be totalitarian manoeuvres and propaganda, Washington will not be deceived. No promise from Axis quarters is worth a moment's consideration. Mr. Roosevelt has bluntly told them that they may save themselves the trouble.

The course of current history has brought the American and British democracies closer together probably than they have ever been. Hitler may move his insatiable tentacles eastward, but it is this message from the West that gives him food for thought and will confound his deep-laid plans.



RIBBENTROP: "I thought you said you would bring it down with your first shot?"
GOERING: "I thought YOU said it was extinct?"

What are the churches doing?

By the Rev.
W. Rowland JONES

The last war gave us "Woodbine Willie," Dick Sheppard—a dozen other inspired religious leaders. Who is there to-day?

HERE are our religious leaders in this war? Is there an Archbishop of Canterbury, or has he retired for the duration? What is the name of the Methodist President, and has he a voice?

Certainly I know the name of the Cardinal Archbishop of the Catholic Church, for he has recently distinguished himself by being banned by the Censor in Elze. But where are the others—are there no religious leaders left?

There are 30,000 ordained clergy in the Church of England, 10,000 Methodist ministers, 10,000 Catholic priests and perhaps another 10,000 ministers of other denominations. That is almost an Army division of men who are exempt from fighting in order to LEAD us in religion.

But they do not seem to be leading. They do not even seem to be justifying their privilege of complete exemption, regardless of age, from military service. Mr. Duff Cooper thinks that they are such a brainless crowd that they cannot even prepare their own sermons. Mr. Duff Cooper, therefore, regardless of cost and of paper shortage, has discovered a retired octogenarian Divine of the last century, and has asked him to dig up an old Great War sermon suitable for dishing out to the "leaders" of this present generation.

A timorous band

It was not so very long ago that Mr. Duff Cooper became seriously angry when a clergyman ventured to say something about politics—something with which Mr. Duff Cooper did not agree.

But that was a long time ago, when there was courage among some of the clergy; it was even before Mr. Duff Cooper was Minister of Information. All that has changed, and the Ministry of Information now not only tells the clergy to preach politics, but provides them with a dusty thirty-page twenty-year-old sermon all ready to READ to their flocks.

This is a clear indication of the official regard for the clergy of our day. They are looked upon as a docile, timorous band ready to ladle out to the people whatever they are told.

God's message is distilled through the Ministry of Information before it is allowed to flow to these supine leaders of the multitude.

It was very different in the last War. The need of the hour found the man of the hour. Great religious leaders sprang up. They were not spoon-fed by any Government—far from it, for the Government hung fearfully upon their words.

They were prophets with a living message, and you cannot silence a prophet by Act of Parliament.

There was Dr. Orchard at his Mayfair Church, who never hesitated, with his impassioned zeal, to condemn every departure from Christlikeness, even when it was dressed up in the garments of patriotism.

His packed congregations always contained a large number of uniformed men.

affectionately known as Woodbine Willie, drawing crowds wherever he went, and leading men along the paths of justice.

There was the much-loved Dick Sheppard, not a pacifist then, yet a fearless prophet of God with a burning love for humanity.

There were giants like Doctor Glover and Dinsdale Young and Campbell Morgan.

It is impossible to think of any one of these looking twice at a second-hand sermon from the Ministry of Information.

Why are there no religious leaders of the same calibre to-day? The reason is because the organised Churches of this country, and of others too, have allowed themselves to be enslaved by the delusion of worldly success.

An empty success

Our religious "leaders" ask themselves always, "Will my message find applause from the influential among my people? Will those in authority approve these words? If I speak thus boldly will it ruin my chances of preferment?"

Many a clergyman has it in his heart to declare what his soul knows is true, but he hesitates with the words on his lips. "My congregation would not like it."

So the inspiration dies at birth. The success of organised religious denominations, so deliberately sought by the clergy, is an empty success, for it is achieved by compromise, and is won by a denial of the very message which the Founder of the Church commanded his apostles to proclaim.

In place of leaders, therefore, we have to be content with good organisers, genial "mixers," vacuous billiard players ("the lads like it"), ardent signers of forms ("please call at the Vicarage at ten o'clock"), suitable loud-speakers for Mr. Duff Cooper's gramophone records.

But the need—that is as great as ever it was. As well as guns and aeroplanes, we must have the conviction that our victory will be that of an IDEAL, for which peoples are prepared to suffer and die.

No inspiration

One country after another has gone down, not only because of a shortage of arms, but because there was no inspiration among the common people. That is the province of the religious leader.

Ask the soldiers what they think of religion. You must forgive the swear-words, but when you get down to it, it is just this. They are merely amused by competitive denominationalism; ritualistic and dogmatic Christianity leaves them cold.

They don't like persons much—but they do admit the power of religion. As a Canadian officer, returned from the trenches, said in the last war, "It can help you to be a gentleman in hell!"

In genuine religion we have the only guarantee of social progress and of permanent peace. Everything else has been tried and has failed.

Oh, for a leader, daring, compelling, eloquent, who will lift up his voice, and preach that faith!

Britain Making Secret Weapon

From experience gained after three months of the heaviest and most sustained series of bombing attacks ever launched on a city, the guns and searchlights in the London area are being re-grouped.

As their numbers have been increased, new tactics have been employed to minimise the weight of the enemy attack.

One evidence of changed methods is the great volume of light which now floods the night sky.

The new light, which is white, appears to come from the ground, and is spread along the horizon, silhouetting the outlines of buildings.

Other bright lights above appear to be parachute flares.

This battery of light is driving the enemy high to avoid detection, and the chance of becoming an illuminated target for the guns.

Anti-aircraft fire is becoming more accurate by night, assisted by the searchlights and sound location.

Greeted By Shells

There is no doubt that many of the enemy raiders are turned away from the Central London area by the barrage of bursting shells which have greeted their approach.

Many statements, some over-encouraging, have been made recently about new methods and new weapons to solve the problem of night interception.

It should be made clear that at the moment there is not an effective answer to the night raider because the guns cannot hit and the fighters cannot chase something which cannot be seen.

Finding The Answer

The whole weight of technical development at the Air Ministry is working to obtain an effective answer—that is, to be able to bring down such a proportion of raiders each night that the enemy will find the game too costly.

There is good reason to suppose that these new methods will be brought into operation in about another month. They include improvements in guns, searchlights and balloons, a new type of fighting aircraft and technical developments whose nature must remain a secret.

HITLER BORROWS SUBMARINES FROM ITALY

Mussolini is lending submarines to Hitler to aid Germany's depleted underwater fleet in its attempt to blockade Britain, states a message from Cairo.

Some Italian submarines have passed through the Strait of Gibraltar and are now believed to be based on French Atlantic ports.

Without doubt they have played a big part in sending up Allied shipping losses, but they are far from safe in their new bases, which are subject to bombardment by the R.A.F.

Targets Are There

Meanwhile, little Italian submarine activity is reported in the Mediterranean.

In view of speculation about the next Axis move, the above information, received from a trustworthy naval authority, is especially interesting, as it shows that Italy's principal naval effort is being applied outside the Mediterranean.

The Italians cannot claim lack of targets in the Mediterranean. Recent arrivals in Egypt of important British reinforcements bear witness to that.

Nazis Bully Switzerland For Food & Oil

By W. N. Ewer

Germany is starting to bully Switzerland again. The pretended grievance is that the Swiss have not shot down any R.A.F. planes that have strayed over Swiss territory on their way to and from Italy.

But the real point of it all is economic.

The Germans want to plunder Switzerland, as they have plundered the occupied countries.

They hope to do it without the trouble of an invasion—by threatening the Swiss until they "stand and deliver."

During the first months of the war the Swiss Government devoted much energy to building up reserves of food, petrol and other essential commodities.

And in addition to this, every Swiss housewife has a well stored cellar of food, the Government having told her to hoard everything possible.

There are some 50,000 tons of petrol and oil in the country. Germany covets the lot.

She is trying to negotiate a one-sided "trade agreement" which will give her all those stocks.

After all, say the German negotiators, they are no longer needed as Switzerland is no longer in danger.

The Swiss are naturally reluctant to give the Germans all that valuable material in exchange for a trickle of coal and dubious paper payments.

Oil King's Son Now War Prisoner

Forty-three-year-old Fleet Air Arm pilot Lt. H. Deterding, R.N.V.R., son of the late Sir Henri Deterding, "the oil king," previously reported missing, is now prisoner-of-war.

When his wife received the news by telegram from the Admiralty at her home, Newnham Grounds, near Daventry, Northants, she said: "I have had a very hard time since I heard he was missing."

Lt. Deterding joined up the day before the war, and prior to being appointed to a ship on September 9 served as a pilot at an observer school.

APB

"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

Umpires And Off-side Positions Judgment Affected By Angle Of Sight Keeping Up With Players

A PLAYER who is in an off-side position only becomes off-side when he breaks the rule. He may not in any way interfere with or take part in a movement, and unless he does so he should not be penalised. It is, however, within the power of the umpire to penalise him if, even though the ball is some distance away, he considers that the player by his position is affecting the tactics or positions of the defence or that he is gaining or is likely to gain, advantage by not being on-side.

He generally will gain some advantage, as for instance, when he uses his off-side position to tackle a defender who is about to stop the ball and who could otherwise make an easy clearance.

The attacker who is off-side thereby gains an unfair advantage and should be penalised. The ease with which one can judge a player off-side depends upon the position adopted in the field, and it is when the attack has got within the 25-yard area that this position is most important.

One has to be in a position to see the edge of the circle and the goal line, as a shot may be taken at any moment, and one must not be between any player and the ball so as to deprive him of a clear field of view.

No hard and fast rule for positioning can be laid down; it can only be learnt from experience, but it is suggested that one should stand level with the attacking outside-right, and between him and the touchline when the ball is in the centre or on the right wing.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Each must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure, and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY on the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21202).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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TOURNAMENT GAMES

C. B. A. Show Fine Form To Beat Nomads

C.B.A. 6 Nomads 1

C.B.A.'s display against the Nomads at King's Park last Sunday proved that a succession of defeats does not make a side apathetic, for the majority of the team showed quickness in thought and action that is so essential to interesting hockey. There were more than sufficient glimpses of the real C.B.A. side to account for their opponents by 6 goals to one.

The visitors were too strong for the Nomads, and full of their four-goal lead in the first half, the scorers being E. Fowler (2), Smith and Bickford.

Soon after the resumption, B. Xavier on the left wing, cut in smartly to beat Dunne and Taylor to reduce the deficit and this happened to be Nomads' only goal. An inspired game at centre-forward completed his hat-trick with the most spectacular goal of the match when he penetrated the opposing defence in a brilliant solo effort and registered with a neat flick-shot. He found the net again, in the closing minutes of the game.

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

THE experience of T. Whitley and Dunne in the C.B.A. half-back line was of great value, and while they held the fast Nomad forwards in check, they managed to keep their own forwards on the attack.

Taylor and Ainslie were good backs, the latter showing distinct promise and with more experience, should develop into a very useful player.

There was nothing wrong with the forwards, who combined well. Bickford, making his first appearance in the League at inside-left, somewhat strengthened the line.

It was a bad day for the Nomads' attack, as the visiting defence proved stubborn. P. Bull, at centre, tried hard to get through the C.B.A. defence but received little support from his inside colleagues. R. J. Reed

Khalsa Out-play Destroyers

Khalsa 2 Destroyers 0

THOUGH KHALSA did not score more than two goals against the Destroyers, they were never in any danger of losing to the sailors on the Police Ground last Sunday.

The ground was hard and dry and the Indians, though unable to reproduce normal hockey on such an uneven surface, always had a lot in hand.

In the first half Khalsa scored once as the result of a breakthrough at right inner, and they had also much the better of the arguments in play, such as it was. A four-goal lead at the interval would not have been out of place, but Ravencroft in goal could not be beaten.

Practically during the hole of the second half Khalsa peppered the opposing defence until half way from the end Gurbachan Singh sent in a terrific drive from the edge of the circle to beat Ravencroft for the second time.

ALTHOUGH they failed to score, Destroyers certainly adapted themselves to the fast pitch, and in Lieut. Wyld possessed the fastest forward on the field. He would have done better had his wingers given him the needed support. Paul and Greenaway were a splendid pair of defenders, the latter breaking up several dangerous raids on the right flank. The sailors have much improved.

Khalsa presented a sturdy defence and Kishen Singh and Mohinder Singh and Hassan at centre-half worked hard. The forwards were not so accurate with their shooting though their combination and approach work was good.

The second umpire appointed by the Association failed to appear, but the game was excellently handled by Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist on his own.

was a hard-working pivot, but here again he was badly let down by a very shaky last line of defenders.

Soccer Interport With S'hai Possible During Chinese New Year

SEVERAL DONATIONS of a charitable nature were made by the Council of the Hongkong Football Association, at their monthly meeting yesterday held in the Association's offices in Bank of Canton Building. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, and he was supported by Mr. C. A. Goldenberg (Secretary) and members of the Council.

Many will remember Pte. Courtney, late of the Middlesex Regiment, who lost his eye sight in a very sad accident in Hongkong sometime back. At a request from his Commanding Officer, a gift of £25 was voted by the Council, which money was to be forwarded to him by draft. He is at present at St. Dunstan's.

Another grant of \$100 was also made to the Queen Mary Hospital Christmas Tree fund, being \$50 more than the previous year's donation. In connection with this fund, permission was granted for a Charity match to be staged on the Hongkong Football Club ground on the 19th instant, between the Medical Department and the Health Department.

INTERNATIONAL

The following draw was made: Portugal v England, Kowloon Football Club ground, December 28, 1940. Scotland v China, Boundary Street ground, December 28, 1940.

SHIELD DRAWS

FOUR TEAMS in the Senior and nine teams in the Junior were fortunate to receive byes into the second round of the Shield. The following are the draws:

Senior (To be played on February 1, 1941): Sing Tao v Middlesex Club Ground, South China v Club Caroline Hill Kwong Wah v Kowloon Boundary Street or Kowloon.

On January 1, Chinese Team will play against the Rest of the Colony at Sookunpoo, proceeds to be divided between the B. W. O. F. and The Bomber Fund.

Byes: St. Joseph's College, Royal Scots, Police and Navy. Junior Shield:

To be arranged by the League Management Committee and to be played on or before Feb. 1, 1941. Middlesex v R. A. S. C. 30th R. A. v R. A. O. C. Royal Scots v Chinese Amateur Sports Club.

R. E. v Kowloon. Kit Chee v Sing Tao "A". 30th R. A. v Club. 12th R. A. v 24th R. A. Byes: Sing Tao "B", International, South China, Eastern, Kwong Wah, Police, Navy, R.A.M.C., Signals.

Charity Matches

ON the 22nd instant, two matches between two teams representing the

Random Jottings

Short-comings Of Umpires And Players

LAST SUNDAY was the second occasion when an umpire appointed by the Association failed to put in an appearance. However, the game was very satisfactorily handled by the other official who sportingly offered to do both halves.

On the other hand, I received a personal complaint from an umpire who states that he had been to Lyomuh on three occasions when the games were cancelled and when no information whatever was given to him either by the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.H.A. or by the secretary of the Umpires' Association.

There is yet a third complaint. Last Sunday, at 10.30 a.m., the Police and Royal Engineers were to have played at Sookunpoo, but neither side turned up and spectators who had gathered were thoroughly disappointed. The same evening I mentioned the incident to the secretary of the Umpires' Association and he knew nothing about the cancellation.

With consideration to the public, the Hon. Secretary of the H.K.H.A. or the representatives of either team could have at least informed the press that the match was postponed. Incidentally, the Police had their Sports Meeting the same day and someone must have been in the know. These three incidents show gross slackness or bad co-operation on the part of the Umpires' Association. These officials should bear in mind that should they be willing to offer their services for the love of the game, the work should be well done. I do hope that the Umpires' Association will in future take a greater interest in their work.

I AM glad to observe that Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist had once again taken to umpiring. He still plays for the Y.M.C.A. and A.N. Others' XI and his experience as a player should serve them in good stead.

Another umpiring enthusiast is Mr. Tyas. To my knowledge he has umpired as many as three games in one day, and enjoys it.

The Association at present lacks keen umpires and I do hope that these officials will keep up their good work.

THE University during the week-end did well to win their first points in the League at the expense of a strong A.N. Other XI.

The Others probably underestimated the strength of the Undergraduates, and when the latter scored their only goal they hung grimly to their lead to the very end. Varsity has strengthened its team since the last defeat.

NORMAN Whitley, well-known A. Club and C.B.A. left half, left hospital last Tuesday and has fully recovered from a slight attack of influenza.

TOURNAMENT fixtures for next Sunday, December 15, are:

Police "A" v. University (Police ground), 10.30 a.m.

N. Other XI v. 5th A.A. "B" (Club ground), 10.30 a.m.

Police "B" v. Khalsa (Police ground), 11.45 a.m.

Fantabs v. Gunboats (Marina ground), 4 p.m.

2nd M.T.B. v. 5th A.A. "B" (Navy ground), 4 p.m.

The following games have been postponed due to Volunteer camp: R.E. v. C.B.A. Recreio v. Nomads. Destroyers v. Signals.

"Y" FIXTURES ANNOUNCED

The following European Y.M.C.A. activities are announced:

Thursday (to-day)—Squash, 6 to 11 p.m.; Hockey, 3 and 4.30 p.m.; Swimming (water heated).

Friday—Badminton, 6 to 11 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 and 7 p.m.

Saturday—Hockey, 4.30 p.m. Swimming (water heated); Tennis. Sunday—9 p.m. Discussion Group; Tennis; Swimming (water heated).

Monday—Women's War Work West Lounge, 9 a.m. to 12 noon; Swimming (water heated) and Swimming Instruction. Tuesday—American Tea, Women's Section West Lounge; Badminton 6 to 11 p.m.; Mixed Swimming 6 to 8 p.m. (water heated); Billiards Match, 7.30 to 11 p.m.

Wednesday—Women's War Work 9 to 12 noon; West Lounge; Swimming (water heated) and Swimming Instruction; Chess 6 to 11 p.m.

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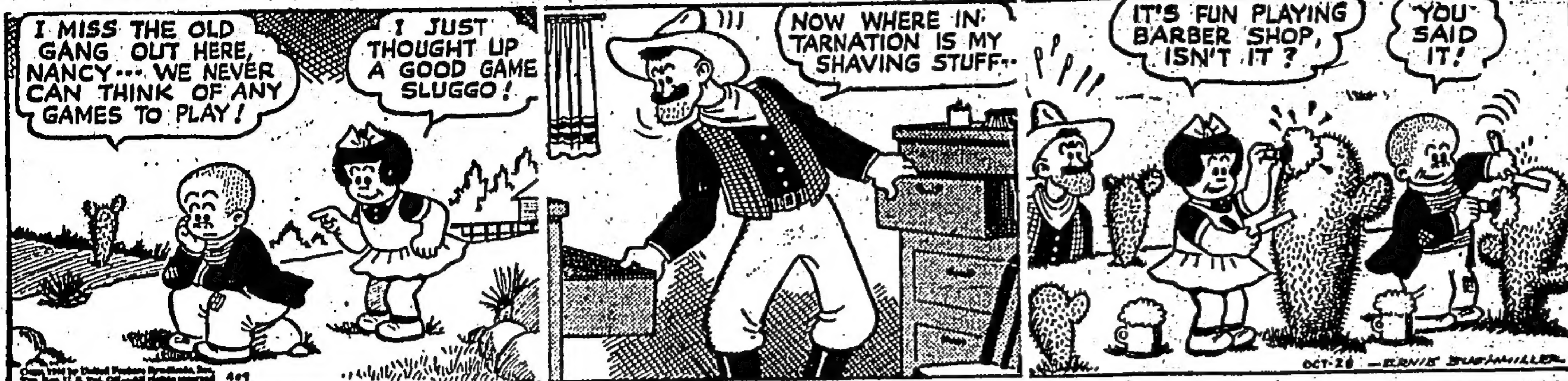
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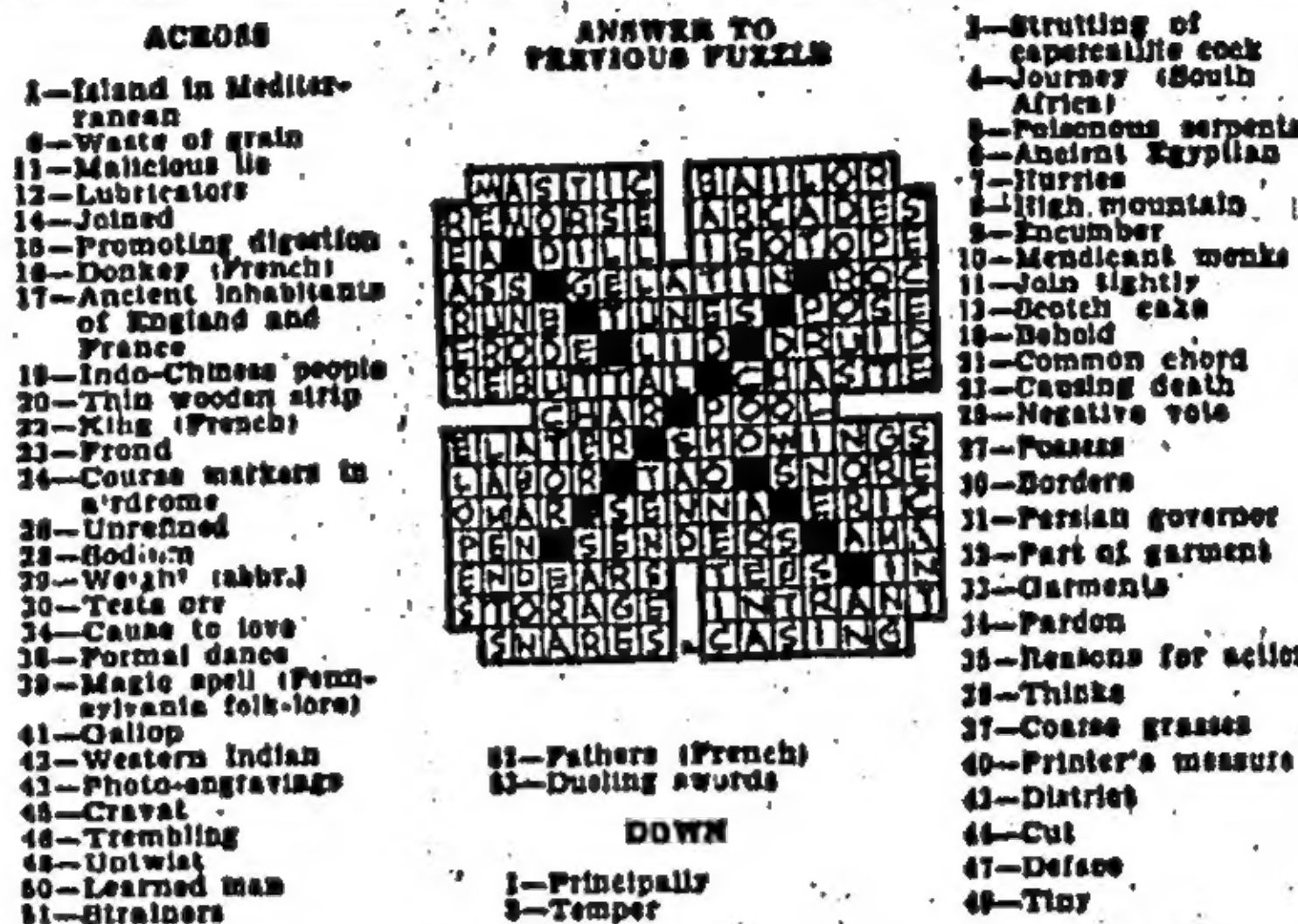
No Effect on British Ration Allowance

A question of importance to local residents who may wish to send gifts of foodstuffs to relatives in the United Kingdom, was raised by a correspondent yesterday. On the authority of the Ministry of Food, it may be stated that unsolicited gifts, whether they include rationed foods or not, may now be received in the United Kingdom from abroad by parcel post, provided they are addressed to individuals, and do not exceed 15lbs. gross weight. No permit or licence is required, but the parcels should be marked as gifts, which will not affect the ration allowed to the recipient.

Messrs Lane, Crawford, Ltd., who have been sending such parcels for some time, yesterday stated that they have not received any information that parcels sent by them have in any way affected the ration allowances of recipients.

Crossword Puzzle

By LANE MORRIS



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Donations to Charitable And Other Causes

GROWTH OF WAR FUND

Two large donations received yesterday brought the War Fund inaugurated by the U. C. M. Post, Ltd., much nearer the million and a half dollar mark which is aimed at before Christmas. A letter which appeared in the Hongkong Telegraph, announcing an anonymous donation of \$1,000 urged similar donations from others to make up the total sought. Within an hour of the telegraph going out on the streets, a response came from Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Edmondston, who sent \$1,000, being a second donation from them to the Fund. Altogether, a total of \$1,484,250.33, and it was reached yesterday by the Fund with the following donations:

"Nasty Oyster Bowls"	\$ 4
Balance of the Account	3.03
Andrew's v. St. George's Bowls	100
Match	4
Miss N. Chandler (2nd donation)	1,000
Chester Club (sale of old tin, etc.)	50
Mr. F. D. Angus (2nd donation)	50
Mr. F. Hamblin (2nd donation)	50
Dr. A. H. Barwell	20
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Edmondston	1,000
(2nd donation)	41
"Sammas"	41

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—As one recently arrived from England, I am able to set Diogenes' mind at rest. Rationing coupons are surrendered to your registered dealer in exchange for rationed goods purchased from him, only coupons for the current week being valid.

In despatching, I would suggest in order of preference, butter—tea—sugar.

K. W.

Rotary Club Function For War Charity

The Hongkong Rotary Club is holding a Dinner and Smoking Concert in the China Fleet Club Theatre on the evening of Friday, December 20, at 7.45 p.m. An attractive programme of music and variety has been arranged, and members and their guests are assured of a good evening's entertainment. It is hoped that a substantial sum-

plus will be realised, which will be devoted to the Fund for the provision of Mobile Ambulance and Canteens in Great Britain and in China.

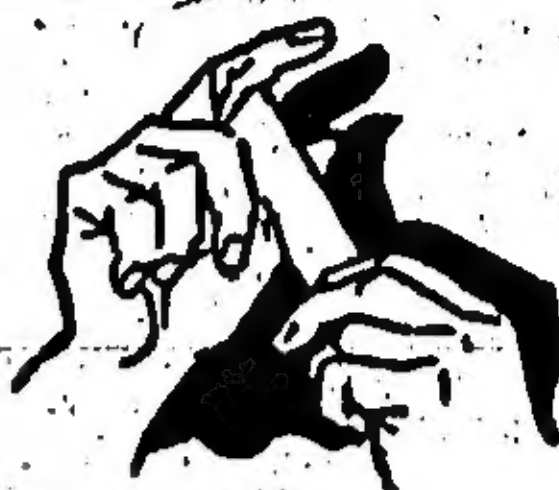
The organization of the Dinner and Concert is in the competent hands of Professor Walter Brown, Hongkong University, who will be grateful if members of the Rotary Club will attend the function in large numbers and bring numerous guests with them. He will also be glad to know at the earliest possible date the numbers to be accommodated.



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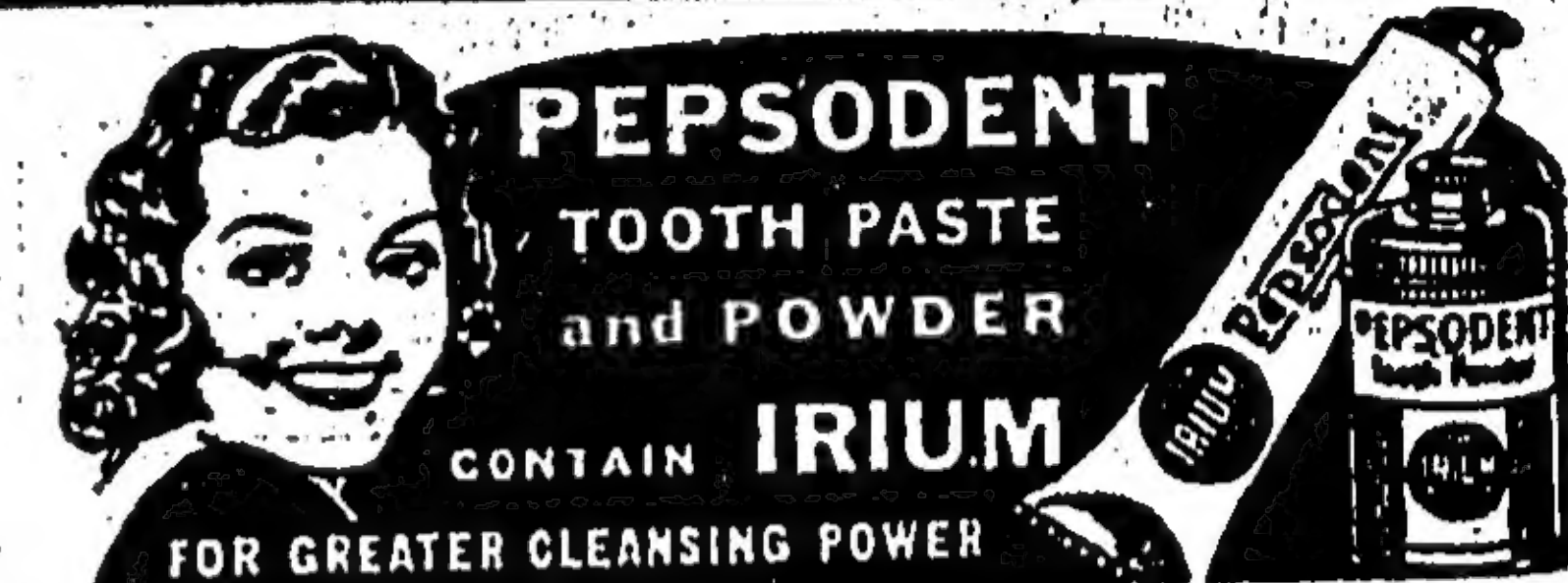
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British Will Win Decisively By 1942

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bombardment. Our food supplies are gradually being more strictly rationed."

Grim Task
LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—Captain Hudson, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at the Empire Club to-day said: "The situation to-day is just as grim as when Lloyd George began his intensified food production campaign in 1917. The Navy's task now is doubly or trebly more difficult."

Shipping Losses
LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—In the House of Lords to-day, replying to Lord Strabolgi who had drawn attention to the recent heavy shipping losses, Lord Templemore suggested that the continuous R.A.F. bombing of German U-boat bases had saved the convoys from possible destruction.

Admitting that the shipping losses since the downfall of France were most serious, Lord Templemore added: "We are confident that as our material resources increase, there is no doubt that the Royal Navy and air force are able to counter and effectively defeat the serious menace to our sea-borne trade."

He emphasized that the seriousness of shipping losses should not be exaggerated and deplored the loose comparisons at the present time with those early in 1917 without reference to the actual seizures.

He said: "In only one month during the last six months has the monthly total of losses exceeded the average figure over the whole twelve months of 1917. The figure for November shows a decided drop over the previous three months and is over 100,000 tons lower than the figure for October."

Italy's Oil Line Is Directly Menaced

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ed Albanian oil as a vital constituent in her economic bloodstream.

So fast was the development pushed that soon after annexation Italy was obtaining 15,000 tons of oil monthly, compared with only 1,500 tons five years earlier.

In the past 12 months there has been feverish activity in the Devoli Valley, presumably as a result of the looking of the Mediterranean by the Royal Navy which prevents Italian imports of oil from other parts of the world.

LATE NEWS

RICE PRICES Police Should Be Informed

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In connection with the letter appearing in the S. C. M. Post yesterday stating that shops are charging excess prices for first grade rice, the Police said yesterday that they wish to be informed of shops offending.

Numerous summonses have already been taken out against offenders, but the Police ask for public co-operation.

In his letter, the correspondent stated yesterday that when he went to purchase his supply of rice he could only find broken rice and third grade rice on display. The prices given were those of the first grade and second grades. When he asked for first grade, a fook went to the rear of the shop and showed some, but it was sold at higher than Government fixed prices.

Normandie Crew Want To Fight

Over 80 per cent. of the original maintenance crew of the French liner Normandie, which has been lying in New York Harbour since the beginning of the war, has now volunteered to fight for General de Gaulle, Reuter reports.

The North American newspaper Alliance states that many of the crew, who defied threatened reprisals against their families in France both by the Vichy authorities and by the Nazis, were sent to Canada, where they received the choice of fighting with General de Gaulle or of serving in ships under the British Admiralty. Most of those of military age elected to fight.

It is stated that despite the transfer to the Normandie of the crew of the cargo ship Winnipeg, now at New Orleans, the crew of the Normandie is now fewer than 50, as some of the Winnipeg's crew also decided to go to Canada for war service.

BRITISH CAPTURE SIDI BARRANI

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at Gazala was destroyed, bringing the total to 10 in addition to an unknown number destroyed or badly damaged. During these operations, which continued through 24 hours, one British aircraft failed to return.

How French Assisted

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The part taken by the Free French forces in the Egyptian offensive in co-operation with British forces, is described in a communique from General de Gaulle's headquarters which states that advanced units of French troops have taken a number of prisoners and war material in the Sidi Barrani district.

The Free French leader adds that a battalion of marines has been especially mentioned in army quarters as having "at the frontier of Libya completely occupied a zone of French territory."

Last War Ace Still Leading Squadrons

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A Canadian air ace is leading the R.A.F. squadrons which have completely dominated the air over the operations in the Western Desert. He is Air Commodore Raymond Collishaw who shot down 60 enemy planes in the last war.

Duchess Of Windsor "In Good Spirits"

MIAMI, Dec. 11 (UP).—The Duchess of Windsor is in "good spirits and feeling better."

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